

2016 ELECTION DATES

ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	BOOK CLOSING
Presidential Preference Primary	March 15, 2016	February 16, 2016
Primary Election	August 30, 2016	August 1, 2016
General Election	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
Town of Longboat Key (Preliminary if needed)	February 2, 2016	January 4, 2016
Town of Longboat Key General	March 22, 2016	February 22, 2016
City of Anna Maria	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
City of Bradenton	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
City of Bradenton Beach	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
City of Holmes Beach	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
City of Palmetto	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
Trailer Estates Park & Rec.	December 6, 2016	"Owner of Record" 30 days prior to election

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2016 CANDIDATES

PETITION DUE DATE	QUALIFYING WEEK
Noon, May 23, 2016	Noon, June 20, 2016 – Noon, June 24, 2016

Special Taxing Districts

Qualifications

1. Citizen of the United States
2. A resident of the district for which the candidate qualifies
3. A registered voter of Manatee County

Qualifying Dates and Location

Noon, June 20, 2016 - Noon, June 24, 2016

Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, 600 301 Blvd. W., Suite 108, Bradenton
Florida 34205

Pre-qualifying papers can be accepted beginning June 6, 2016*

***Florida Statute 99.061(8)**, states that qualifying papers may be submitted to the qualifying officer up to 14 days prior to the qualifying period. However, the papers will not be processed and filed until the qualifying period actually begins. All papers submitted before the qualifying period are still subject to any and all requirements prescribed in **Florida Statute 99.061(7)(a)**.

Candidate Petition Process

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, must be on file with the filing officer prior to collecting signatures. A candidate may begin collecting signatures as soon as Form DS-DE 9 is on file with the filing officer. Petitions signed prior to the date the DS-DE 9 is filed with the filing officer are not valid.

Candidates are required to use Form DS-DE 104, Candidate Petition, to obtain signatures of registered voters. The form is available on the Division of Elections website (<http://election.dos.state.fl.us>). Candidates are responsible for reproducing the petition.

Signatures

Candidates must obtain the signatures of 25 registered electors of the geographical area of candidacy.

Signed petition cards are turned in for verification to the supervisor of elections. The deadline for submitting candidate petitions is **Noon, May 23, 2016**.

Fees

There is a fee of 10 cents per signature to be paid in advance to the supervisor of elections for the cost of verifying the signature. If the candidate cannot pay this fee without imposing an undue burden on the candidate's resources, the candidate may file an Oath of Undue Burden to have the fee waived.

Campaign Account

All candidates, before opening their campaign bank account, accepting or spending any funds, must file the following:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository

Form DS-DE 84, Statement of Candidate (Within ten (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9)

Qualifying

The following items must be received by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections **no later than noon, June 24, 2016:**

4. DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.
5. DS-DE 25, Loyalty Oath and Oath of Candidate for non-partisan office.
6. Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. A public officer who has filed a financial disclosure with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

7. Qualifying:

By fee: \$25.00

or

By petition: Certificate of petition verification;

(A candidate who does not collect contributions and whose only expense is the filing fee or signature verification fee is not required to appoint a campaign treasurer or designate a primary campaign depository. The filing fee is not required to be drawn upon the candidate's campaign account.)