

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE
PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed. For the offices of County Auditor, County Commissioner (At-Large), County Register of Deeds, County Sheriff, Delegates to State Party Conventions, and Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman nominating petitions must be filed in the Office of the Clay County Auditor, and nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor/Lt. Governor, District 17 State Senator, District 18 State Senator, District 17 State Representative, District 18 State Representative, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, Vermillion Basin Water Development District Director Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7, legislative, state, judicial, and federal offices must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Auditor, County Commissioner (At-Large), County Register of Deeds, County Sheriff, Delegates to State Party Conventions, and Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman must be filed in the Office of the Clay County Auditor during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor/Lt. Governor, District 17 State Senator, District 18 State Senator, District 17 State Representative, District 18 State Representative, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, Vermillion Basin Water Development District Director Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7, legislative, state, judicial, and federal offices must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

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