



Township of Bruce – Running for Office

Local Candidate Information

Supervisor – Clerk – Treasurer - Trustee

2024 ELECTION DATES:

Primary: August 6, 2024
General: November 5, 2024

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT) Act 116 of 1954, Section 168.342 Township office; eligibility: A person is not eligible to a township office unless the person is a registered and qualified elector of the township in which election is sought by the filing deadline.

FILING DATES (FILE AT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK’S OFFICE), DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL & FILING FEE

Township Positions: Democratic and Republican candidates seeking the office of Township Supervisor, Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer or Park Commissioner may file a \$100.00 fee in lieu of a nominating petition. *The fee is non-refundable.*

NOMINATING and QUALIFYING petition forms are available at the Bruce Township Clerk’s Office.

AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION: Partisan candidates must file *NOMINATING* petitions, or file \$100 fee, and Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 pm, April 23, 2024. The deadline for partisan candidates to withdraw is no later than 4:00 pm, April 26, 2024.

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION: Candidates without party affiliation or new political parties must file *QUALIFYING* petitions and Affidavit of Identity no later than 4:00 pm, July 18, 2024 to qualify for the ballot. The deadline for non-partisan candidates to withdraw is no later than 4:00 pm, July 22, 2024.

You, the candidate, must notify the Bruce Township Clerk’s office, in writing, prior to the deadline, that you wish to withdraw, or your name will appear on the ballot.

PETITIONS

Public Act 116 of 1954 (as amended in 1999) sets the number of signatures required for petitions, to be dependent on the population as counted in the most recent census. The number of signatures needed for candidates for Bruce Township offices, except Precinct Delegates and County Commissioner is:

<i>Partisan – Nominating Petitions:</i>	Minimum signatures <u>3</u>	Maximum signatures <u>10</u>
<i>Non-Partisan Petitions:</i>	Minimum signatures <u>6</u>	Maximum signatures <u>20</u>
<i>Qualifying Petitions:</i>	Minimum signatures <u>9</u>	Maximum signatures <u>30</u>

Any qualified and registered elector residing in the Township may sign a candidate’s petitions. A person may not sign more petitions than there are persons to be elected. For example, a person may only sign one petition for Supervisor, Clerk, or Treasurer, but two petitions for Trustee, as there are two trustees’ to be elected. If a person signs more times than there are positions, only the first petition signed will count.

Please ask the person signing your petition to also PRINT their name as legibly as possible. Every attempt will be taken to verify a signature but illegible names cannot be approved if the name cannot be read.

August 6, 2024 Primary Election: Candidates WITH a party affiliation and meet the filing requirements will be on the ballot.

November 5, 2024 General Election: Candidates WITHOUT a political party affiliation and meet the filing requirements will be placed on the ballot.

Anyone registered to vote in Michigan can circulate petitions for a candidate. But make certain the person who is circulating the petition does not sign the page until it has been completed, or when done circulating the petition.

SUBMITTING PETITIONS

It is the candidate's responsibility to make certain the petitions are filled out correctly. The candidate must turn in the required number of signatures at one time. It is highly recommended turning in completed petitions as soon as possible, in advance of the deadline, so that the signatures on the petition can be verified, and to allow enough time to collect more if needed.

The Clerk's Office will notify the candidate once petitions have been verified and found to be adequate, OR if petitions are found NOT adequate. If more pages are needed to be turn in due to invalid or unqualified signatures, the candidate may turn them in, up to the maximum allowed, before the deadline noted above.

Petitions will be verified in the order in which we receive them.

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY

All candidates must file an **Affidavit of Identity**, in duplicate. These forms are available at our office, or from the County Clerk. A candidate who fails to file an Affidavit of Identity cannot be placed on the ballot. The candidate must indicate on the affidavit to have petitions returned or destroyed after January 1st, 2025. The County or State may require other forms.

CANDIDATE COMMITTEES

All candidates, except precinct delegates, are required to comply with all the Michigan's campaign finance reporting requirements. This information is available at the Macomb County Clerk, at 32 Market Street, Mt Clemens, 48043, Phone: (586) 469-5209, or online at:

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/elections>

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/elections/campaign-finance-forms>

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/Disclosure/cfr/filing-dates/candidate-gub-committees>

POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs do not require a permit, but must follow certain restrictions. See Bruce Twp. Ordinance 161 Sec 5.22.G Temporary Signs.

The maximum allowable area for political signs is a total area of sixty-four (64) square feet in all districts. Signs can be placed and displayed sixty (60) days prior to an election and no longer than six (6) days after the election for which the sign was erected for. All signs are prohibited within a roadway right-of-way.

ON ELECTION DAY

Candidate's workers at the precincts must follow state election laws. Campaign apparel, or materials such as brochures, sign, or any other items that promote a candidate or a political issue are PROHIBITED. Anyone entering a precinct for any reason, including voting, with campaign apparel or materials will be asked to conceal or remove campaign materials. A candidate's workers are expected to observe the required 100 foot from the door campaigning rule on Election Day at all polling locations.

RESULTS ON ELECTION NIGHT

The Township Clerk's Office will work as quickly as possible to get the ballots accurately tallied on election night. Results are delivered to the County Clerk's office as soon as the precinct completes its closing tasks.

Results can be viewed at: <https://www.macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/elections>.

All candidates and visitors at the Township on election night will be asked to stay in the lobby area. No one will be allowed in the Elections Office area other than the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, election staff and certain election workers.

This information is provided to you as a public service and is not intended to be legal advice. Please check with legal sources for recent amendments and/or changes to the laws.