

**Graham County
Precinct Committeemen
Filing Packet**



This pamphlet has been prepared by the Graham County Election Department to provide general information to persons seeking election for Precinct Committeemen within Graham County.

PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR 2018

Precinct Committeemen are elected at the Primary Election. Precinct Committeemen serve for a two year term. Term begin October 1, 2018 and end September 30, 2020.

PRIMARY ELECTION	AUGUST 28, 2018
First day to file Nomination Papers	April 30, 2018
Last day to file Nomination Papers	May 30, 2018 5:00 P.M.
Write-in Candidate – Last day to file	June 13, 2018 (76 days before the election) 16-312.(B)(2)
Last day to register to vote	July 30, 2018
Early Voting begins	August 1, 2018

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Are based on voter registration numbers as of March 1, 2018 and are included in your packet.

§16-322.(A)(6) If for a candidate for county precinct committeeman, by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least two per cent but not more than ten per cent of the party voter registration in the precinct or ten signatures, whichever is less.

PETITIONS:

Partisan Nomination Petition (Primary Election)

§16-321(C) This petition is used for party nomination in the primary election. Each person signing the petition must:

- be a qualified elector of the state
- a member of the same political party
- a resident in the political division or district of the candidate

PETITION CIRCULATING TIPS

- **There are 10 lines on each petition and only 10 signatures will be counted per petition**
- Candidate may sign own petition
- Petitions will not be accepted with blank lines or white out
- Voter must fill in all columns
- Back must be completed & signed

A voter may sign as many candidate petitions as there are open seats for precinct committeemen to be elected in the Precinct. For example, if there are three precinct committeemen seats open in Precinct #1, a voter may sign all three candidate's petitions.

NOMINATION PAPER:

(NOMINATION PAPER, AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS STATEMENT) Candidate must provide the following information:

1st section of the form is the Nomination Paper

- Office seeking
- Party Affiliation
- Date of Primary Election
- Residency requirements

2nd section of the form is the Affidavit of Qualification

- Address & mailing address if different
- Exact manner the candidate wants their name to appear on the ballot

3rd section is Campaign Finance Laws Statement requiring only the candidate's signature

NOTE: Names printed on the official ballot are limited to last name, first and middle names. Abbreviations, initials and nicknames are permissible, but in no event shall nicknames, abbreviations or initials suggest reference to professional, fraternal, religious or military titles. Abbreviated names or nicknames may be printed with quotation marks. The candidates' last name will always appear first on the official ballot.

Write-In Candidate:

Precinct Committeemen Candidates running as a write-in candidate for an office where only one candidate or no candidate has filed a nomination paper and the election may therefore be subject to cancellation, must file their write-in nomination paper no later than 76 days before the election.

B. If the number of persons who file nominating petitions for an election to fill precinct committeemen positions is less than or equal to the number of precinct committeemen positions, the county board of supervisors may cancel the election for those positions not sooner than seventy-five days before the election and appoint the person who filed the nominating petition to fill the position. If no person has filed a nominating petition to fill a position, the position is deemed vacant and shall be filled as otherwise provided by law. A precinct committeeman who is appointed pursuant to this subsection after filing a nominating petition shall be deemed an elected precinct committeeman.

- NOTES:**
1. Signatures on petitions are not verified by this office; however, they are subject to challenge. Nomination paper and petitions become public record once filed and are subject to inspection by the general public.
 2. We are only the filing office and have no authority to refuse to accept nomination papers. It is very important that each candidate make sure that all paperwork is filled out completely and correctly.