

Greenville County Candidate Information

Filing with political parties for offices on the November 8th, 2016, General Election ballot will open at Noon, March 16th, and will close at Noon on March 30th. Filing will take place at the County Voter Registration and Election office, Suite 1900, Greenville County Square, 310 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29601. Federal offices will file with the State Election Commission in Columbia, SC. SC Senate and SC House of Representative candidates will file in their County of residence. Greenville County Office hours will be 8:30 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Candidates are also responsible for filing proper information (electronically) with the State Ethics Commission as a candidate for office by the Noon, March 30th, deadline.

Non Partisan offices will file for office beginning July 15th, at Noon, and that filing will close at Noon, on August 15th.

Greenville County filing fees for 2016

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
Sheriff	\$ 158,805.84	4	\$ 6,352.23
Coroner	\$ 111,163.70	4	\$ 4,446.55
Reg. of Deeds	\$ 111,163.70	4	\$ 4,446.55
County Council	\$ 27,008.28	4	\$ 1,080.33
Clerk of Court	\$ 123,074.30	4	\$ 4,922.97

Other Federal and State Offices

<u>Office</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
FEDERAL OFFICES:			
U. S. Senate	\$174,000.00	6	\$10,440.00
U. S. House of Representatives	\$174,000.00	2	\$ 3,480.00
STATE OFFICES:			
S.C. Senate	\$ 10,400.00	4	\$ 416.00
S.C. House Of Representatives:	\$ 10,400.00	2	\$ 208.00

If a person does NOT wish to file with a political party, but wishes to be on the ballot, the petition process is available. Listing on the ballot will be “Petition” as no party affiliation will be associated with a petition candidate.

SECTION 7-11-70. Nomination by petition.

A candidate's nominating petition for any office in this State shall contain the signatures of at least five percent of the qualified registered electors of the geographical area of the office for which he offers as a candidate; provided, that no petition candidate is required to furnish the signatures of more than ten thousand qualified registered electors for any office. The official number of qualified registered electors of the geographical area of any office must be the number of registered electors of such area registered one hundred twenty days prior to the date of the election for which the nomination petition is being submitted.

The petition must be certified to the State Election Commission in the case of national, state, circuit, and multicounty district offices; with the county election commission in the case of countywide or less than countywide offices with the exception of municipal offices; with the clerk of a municipality in case of a municipal office, and the certified petition shall constitute and be kept as a public record.

SECTION 7-11-80. Form of nominating petition.

All nominating petitions for any political office or petition of any political party seeking certification as such in the State of South Carolina shall be standardized as follows:

- (1) Shall be on good quality original bond paper sized 8 1/2 " X 14".
- (2) Shall contain a concise statement of purpose; in the case of nomination of candidates, the name of the candidate, the office for which he offers and the date of the election for such office shall be contained in such petition.
- (3) Shall contain in separate columns from left to right the following:
 - (a) Signature of voter and printed name of voter;
 - (b) Address of residence where registered; and
 - (c) Precinct of voter.
- (4) No single petition page shall contain the signatures of registered voters from different counties.
- (5) All signatures of registered voters shall be numbered consecutively.
- (6) Petitions with more than one page must have the pages consecutively numbered upon filing with the appropriate authority.

The State Election Commission may furnish petition forms to the county election officials and to interested persons.

Petition deadline for the November 8th, 2016, General Election is Noon, July 15th, 2016.

2016 Offices on the Ballot Greenville County

Office	Members	Term	2016
Federal			
President and Vice President	1	4	x
US Senate (100 US seats)(2 SC seats)	1	6	x
US House (435 US seats) (7 SC seats)	1	2	x
State Senate (46 seats)			
Senate District 05(shared w/Spartanburg)	1	4	x
Senate District 06	1	4	x
Senate District 07	1	4	x
Senate District 08	1	4	x
Senate District 09 (shared w/Laurens County)	1	4	x
Senate District 12 (shared w/Spartanburg Co.)	1	4	x
Senate District 13 (shared w/Spartanburg and Union Counties)	1	4	x
State House (124 seats)			
House District 10 (shared w/Anderson and Pickens Counties)	1	2	x
House District 16 (shared w/Laurens County)	1	2	x
House District 17	1	2	x
House District 18	1	2	x
House District 19	1	2	x
House District 20	1	2	x
House District 21	1	2	x
House District 22	1	2	x
House District 23	1	2	x
House District 24	1	2	x
House District 25	1	2	x
House District 27	1	2	x
House District 28	1	2	x
House District 35 (shared w/Spartanburg County)	1	2	x
House District 36 (shared w/ Spartanburg County)	1	2	x
Greenville County			
Clerk of Court	1	4	x
Coroner	1	4	x
Register of Deeds	1	4	x
Sheriff	1	4	x
Soil and Water Conservation District (non-partisan)	3	4	1

County Council (12 Districts) (7 to be elected in 2016)

Council District 18	1	4	X
Council District 20	1	4	X
Council District 21	1	4	X
Council District 22	1	4	X
Council District 24	1	4	X
Council District 25	1	4	X
Council District 27	1	4	X

NON PARTISAN OFFICES

Filing for non partisan offices will open at Noon, July 15th and close at Noon, August 15th.

Greenville County Schools (12 Districts) (6 to be elected in 2016)

Filing for these offices is by Statement of Candidacy

School District 17	1	4	X
School District 19	1	4	X
School District 21	1	4	X
School District 23	1	4	X
School District 25	1	4	X
School District 27 (shared w/Laurens County)	1	4	X

Anderson County Schools

School District 02 (shared w/Greenville County)	7	4	2
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Watershed Districts

South Tyger River	Statement of Candidacy	5	4	3
Rabon Creek (shared w/Laurens County)	Statement of Candidacy	5	4	3

Special Purpose Districts

Dunklin Fire	Statement of Candidacy	5	4	2
Piedmont Public Service	Statement of Candidacy	5	4	2

Political Party primaries will be conducted on **June 14th, 2016**, for offices where either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party has more than one candidate for a single office. The Primary process is used by the two major political parties to choose their candidates for the November General Election. If a run-off is necessary, the run-off will be held on June 28th, 2016.

All other political parties certified in South Carolina will nominate by political party convention, as outlined in SC law with precinct, county, and state conventions.

Other information is available at the State Election Commission website – SCVOTES.ORG – including statistics of past elections.

Questions may be directed to the State Election Commission at (803) 734-9070 or to the Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Office at (864) 467-7255.