

NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2026

STATE GENERAL ELECTION

WINONA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the State General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The filing period for United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Governor & Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, and Judge of the District Court, County Commissioner, County Auditor-Treasurer, County Recorder, County Sheriff, County Attorney, and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

Candidates may file in person or by mail between 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Filings will be accepted in the Offices of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN, 55155 and the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer's Office located at 202 West 3rd Street, Winona, MN 55987 (see below to determine where to file).

Completed Affidavit of Candidacy forms, proof of residence, and fees must be received, physically, by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing, which is June 2, 2026. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

*Candidates for the following federal offices **must** file with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12th Street, St. Paul, MN 55155.*

FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Senator - One (1)

United States Representative District 1 – One (1)

(Blue Earth, Brown, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Rice, Rock, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Watonwan, & Winona Counties)

Candidates for the following offices may file with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides.

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

State Senator (One office per district)

District 20 (Dakota, Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha, & Winona Counties)

District 26 (Fillmore, Houston, Mower, & Winona Counties)

State Representative (One office per district)

District 20B (Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha, & Winona Counties)

District 26A (Winona County)

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of State

State Auditor

Attorney General

Candidates for judicial office may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Supreme Court – Associate Justice (Three Seats)

Seat 1	Incumbent Sarah E. Hennesy
Seat 2	Incumbent Theodora Karin Gaitas
Seat 4	Incumbent Paul C. Thissen

Court of Appeals (Five Seats)

Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for at least one year.

Seat 1	Incumbent Elizabeth G. Bentley
Seat 7	Incumbent Rachel Bond (5th Congressional District)
Seat 13	Incumbent Jeanne M. Cochran
Seat 15	Incumbent Kevin G. Ross (3rd Congressional District)
Seat 18	Incumbent JaPaul Harris

District Court - Third Judicial District (Six Seats):

Seat 4	Incumbent Jacob C. Allen
Seat 6	Incumbent Karen R. Duncan
Seat 7	Incumbent Dwight Luhmann
Seat 15	Incumbent Erin Lindhart Felten
Seat 17	Incumbent Christopher A. Neisen
Seat 22	Incumbent Jeffrey M. Johnson

Candidates for the following offices **must** file with the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer at 202 West 3rd Street, Winona, MN 55987.

COUNTY OFFICES

County Commissioner: Districts 1, 2, and 5

County Auditor-Treasurer

County Recorder

County Sheriff

County Attorney

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor: Districts 1 and 4

NOTE: Candidates for city, town and school district offices must file with the clerk of the applicable jurisdiction.

If you have any questions about filing for office, please contact the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at (507) 457-8830 or by email at: elections@winonacounty.gov.

