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**Local Offices to be filled by  
Election in 2010**

County Commission

District 2-Rose Rocco (D)  
District 4—Dave Russell, Jr (R)

School Board (Non Partisan)

District 1—John Sweeney  
District 3—Dianne Bonfield  
District 5— Sandra Nicholson

City Of Brooksville

3 City Council Seats (Non Partisan)

Joe Bernardini  
Lara Bradburn  
Richard Lewis

Spring Hill Fire & Rescue District

2 Fire Commissioner Seats

(Non Partisan)

Leo Jacobs  
Gene Panozzo

County Judge

Honorable Donald Scaglione



**2010 Election Dates**

**PRIMARY**

**August 24, 2010**

Books Close July 26, 2010

**GENERAL**

**November 2, 2010**

Books Close October 4, 2010

This information is intended to familiarize candidates of general steps to becoming a candidate in Hernando County.

If/When you make the decision to run for office, a detailed Candidates Handbook will be issued.

Additional information relating to candidates , campaigns, and elections can be obtained from the Main or Spring Hill Supervisor of Elections office.

Since the Legislature meets before the 2010 elections, there is a strong possibility there will be law changes that may affect elections and candidates. If changes should occur, each candidate will be notified in a timely manner.

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**Information for  
Potential  
Candidates**



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# So You Want to be a Candidate?



A Potential Candidate should first check with the Supervisor of Elections office to verify which districts/seats are up for re-election.

## Residency Requirements

**County Commission candidates** must reside in the district for which they are qualifying *at the time of being elected to office.* (F.S. 100.041 (2)(a))

**School Board candidates** must reside in the district for which they are qualifying *at the time of qualifying.* (F.S. 1001.361)

**City of Brooksville candidates** must continuously reside in the City of Brooksville for *at least one year immediately prior to qualifying.* (City of Brooksville Charter and Code Section 2.02)

## Pre-Qualifying

**Before** qualifying for office, obtaining petitions, accepting contributions or making expenditures, a potential candidate must designate a depository (bank) and appoint a treasurer (F.S. 106.021). To do this, complete form DS-DE 9. This form can be printed off the website (www.hernandovotes.com) or picked up at either office of the Supervisor of Elections.

**After** the treasurer has been appointed and the depository has been designated, you are considered a Pre-Qualified Candidate. You may begin accepting contributions and making expenditures. Periodic treasurer's reports must be filed once you become a pre-qualified candidate.



## Methods of Qualifying

### Pay Qualifying Fee



A Candidate may qualify for office by paying a qualifying fee. For Partisan candidates, the fee is 6% of one year's salary of the office sought. For Non-Partisan candidates, the fee is 4% of one year's salary of the office sought. For Brooksville City Council candidates, the fee is 4% of the annual salary of a Council Member (City of Brooksville Candidates who are unable to pay the 1% Elections Assessment Fee should provide written certification of such inability to the Supervisor of Elections office).

### Fee Breakdown:

<u>Partisan Candidates:</u>	<u>Non-Partisan &amp; City Candidates:</u>
3% Filing Fee	3% Filing Fee
2% Party Assessment	1% Election Assessment*
1% Election Assessment*	

(\*Note: This Assessment goes to the Florida Elections Commission)

### Petition Process



A Candidate may also qualify by the petition process (F.S. 99.095). This is an alternative to paying the qualifying fee. Once the DS-DE 9 is filed with the Supervisor of Elections office, Pre-Qualified candidates may begin collecting petitions.

Candidates that intend to qualify by the petition process are required to gather signatures equal to 1% of the total number of registered voters as of the last general election. *The required number of valid signatures for candidates seeking county office in 2010 is **1,230.***

The required amount of valid signatures must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections office for verification before **Noon, May 17, 2010.** Once the required amount of valid petitions is met, the candidate will receive a Petition Certification. This Certification must be filed at the time of Official Qualifying.

There is a ten-cent (10 ¢) per signature verification fee that must be paid **prior to** qualifying. If a Candidate believes that paying the signature verification fee is a burden on his/her campaign, he or she should speak with the Supervisor of Elections.

## Official Qualifying

While a potential candidate can pre-qualify at anytime, there are specific Official Qualifying dates.

The Supervisor of Elections office will provide each Pre-Qualified Candidate with forms and other information they will need prior to the qualifying period. This information will be made available to each Pre-Qualified Candidate prior to the start of Official Qualifying.

The Supervisor of Elections office will begin accepting qualifying papers for processing 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period. (F.S. 99.061)

The beginning of Official Qualifying **begins** at **Noon, June 14, 2010** and **ends** at **Noon, June 18, 2010.** (F.S. 99.061)

Partisan, Non-Partisan, and Brooksville City Council Candidates are required to:

- ◇ File Candidate Oath
- ◇ File Loyalty Oath/Statement of Candidate and Party (if Partisan)
- ◇ File required Financial Disclosure Form (Form 6 or Form 1)
- ◇ Pay Filing Fee **OR** Present Petition Certification



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