

## INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY CANDIDATE(S) RUNNING FOR SALEM COUNTY OFFICE

1. **COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THE FACE OF THE PETITION PRIOR TO CIRCULATION.**
2. This petition is to be used by candidates for *Sheriff, County Clerk, Surrogate, Freeholder (County Commissioner), State Committee*, and Delegates to National Conventions when nominated or elected in all or part of Salem County.
3. This petition may be circulated as a joint petition **only for the office of Freeholder (County Commissioner)** and only when the terms of said office are the same; in filing jointly the two Freeholder (County Commissioner) candidates must share the same slogan. Their two names then will be drawn as a single unit for ballot position. The order in which their names appear on the jointly filed petition determines the order of their names within the unit. Therefore, if multiple petition "books" are circulated for joint candidates, the candidates must be listed in the same order on all such petition books for those candidates.
4. If the candidate(s) want to use a slogan that includes the name of an individual other than the candidate or incorporated association of this State, written consent must be attached. Candidates wanting to use an official "county party slogan" must gain prior written approval from the party's campaign manager.
5. Candidate(s) must provide a **functioning campaign email address** on their petition. **This email address will be made public.**
6. Petition must contain in total a **minimum of 100 legal voters' signatures** who are residents of Salem County and members of the same political party as the candidate; more than the 100 required signatures may be obtained and candidate may file more than one petition book/set.
7. Each petitioner must sign in his/her own handwriting and print his/her own name, and provide their residence and post office address in the presence of the circulator of the petition book/set.
8. The circulator of the petition book/set **MUST** sign on page 15 of the petition and make the affidavit required before some officer authorized by law to take affidavits.
9. The candidate(s) **MUST** take the Oath of Allegiance (page 16 of the petition) before a notary or other officer authorized to take oaths), and **MUST** sign the Certificate of Acceptance, stating that (s)he is qualified for the office and is a member of the political party named in the petition. The **Oath** and **Certificate of Acceptance** need only be taken and signed **once** and annexed to the first petition book, if multiple books are filed.
10. This petition must be filed with the Salem County Clerk not later than 4:00pm on the **64<sup>th</sup>** day preceding the Primary Election.

All candidates are required by law to comply with the provisions of the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act." For further information, please call the Election Law Enforcement Commission at 609-292-8700 or toll-free within New Jersey at 888-313-ELEC(3532).

All candidates must provide a functioning email address according to P.L. 2018, c. 66, **which will be made public.**

**RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for FREEHOLDER (County Commissioner)**

(See Chapter 94 Laws of 1980)

Applicable only to candidates for the Board of Chosen Freeholders (County Commissioners): Commencing in 1981, no person shall be eligible to be a candidate unless said person is: (1) a Registered Voter in Salem County and (2) a Resident of Salem County for **one year** prior to the date of the General Election.

**RESIDENCY and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS of CANDIDATE(S) for SHERIFF**

(See NJSA 40A:9-94)

Applicable only to candidates for Sheriff: No person shall be eligible for the office of Sheriff of any county unless he shall have been a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county for at least three years next preceding his election.

(COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE PRIOR TO CIRCULATION)

**PRIMARY PETITION NOMINATING CANDIDATE(S) FOR SALEM COUNTY OFFICE**

Petition for: \_\_\_\_\_ (100 Signatures Required, see NJSA 19:23-8)  
(Title of Office)

Term of Office:  5-year term  4-year term  3-year term  \_\_\_\_-year unexpired term

**TO: DALE A. CROSS, SALEM COUNTY CLERK**

Each signer of this petition certified that the following statements are true:

1. I reside in the County of Salem, in the State of New Jersey;
2. I am a qualified voter therein;
3. I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party;
4. I intend to affiliate with the said party at the ensuing election;
5. I endorse the person(s) hereinafter mentioned as candidate(s) for the nomination for the office of: \_\_\_\_\_
6. I request that you cause to be printed upon the official primary ballot of the said party the name(s) of said person(s) as the candidate(s) for such nomination.

Please clearly print or type this section: **(Only candidates running for the office of FREEHOLDER (County Commissioner) may file a joint petition.) \*PLACE IN ORDER OF HOW THEY SHOULD APPEAR ON BALLOT**

Name(s) of Candidate(s)	Street Residence & PO Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**CANDIDATE(S) REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION ON THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT**

The candidate(s) herein, having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, do hereby request that there be printed under their name(s) on said primary ballot, the following designation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Must not exceed six words)**

CANDIDATE(S) EMAIL ADDRESS (will be public): \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE(S) EMAIL ADDRESS (will be public): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE ON VACANCY**

The names and mailing addresses of the three members named as a **committee on vacancies** are as follows:

Name	Number and Street Name	City
_____	_____	_____
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**ALL SIGNERS MUST SIGN AND PRINT NAMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH NJRS 19:23-7 eff. 01-01-95**

Signature and residence address of registered voter:

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES**

*The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the names on this set (book) of signatures. The witness must take the affidavit for each set he/she solicits and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., notary public), but may sign only one signature page endorsing the candidate. **Note: A candidate may sign and circulate his/her own petition. The circulator is not required to sign as a petitioner, but may do so as long as he/she is a registered voter of the jurisdiction in which the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated is running for office.***

**State of New Jersey**

**County of Salem** } SS.  
}

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn upon my oath, depose that I circulated  
(print name of circulator/witness)  
this petition set/book and saw all the signatures made hereto and that each of the signers signed in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of such signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the County of Salem in the State of New Jersey, and belongs to the political party named in said petition; and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person herein named in order to secure his or her nomination as candidate for the office as stated in this petition. I further depose that I am a registered voter of the State of New Jersey and am affiliated with the political party of the candidate for whom I circulated this petition.

**Subscribed and sworn to before me at**

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J.,

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(Signature of Circulator/Witness)

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ A.D.

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(Street Address of Circulator/Witness)

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(Notary, Attorney, or Officer taking Oath)

TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THIS PETITION BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANDIDATE CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

I or we the undersigned, hereby certify that I or we am/are a resident of and a legal voter in the jurisdiction of the office for which the nomination is made, and that I or we have not signed an acceptance for the Primary nomination or any other petition under this chapter for such office.  
(R.S. 19:13-8)

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