



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

For the AUGUST 24TH PRIMARY ELECTION

To: All Senatorial District Clerks and County Clerks
From: Melanie Hodge, Elections Administrator
Date: April 21, 2010
Re: **Petitions and Consent Forms for Major Party Candidates for State Senate, State's Attorney, Assistant Judge, Probate Judge, Sheriff and High Bailiff**

- The **Primary Election** date has been changed to **August 24, 2010**.
- The filing period for Major Party Candidates is no sooner than Monday, May 10, 2010 and not later than **5 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010**.

The Senatorial District Clerk or County Clerk CANNOT ACCEPT a nominating petition WITHOUT a CONSENT FORM signed by the candidate. 17 V.S.A. §2402(d). You accept petitions from major party candidates and you will chair post election canvassing committees for your senatorial district and/or for your county.

Senatorial District Clerk Duties in June 2010:

Petitions and Consent Forms for candidates for **state senate in your district** for the major party (**Democratic, Progressive and Republican**) primaries are filed with you as senatorial district clerk. You must review the petition within 3 days and notify the candidate if they do not have the sufficient number of valid signatures. Please do not wait until June 17th to fax these forms. Please review the petitions and fax the consent forms as soon as possible after receipt.

County Clerk Duties in June 2010:

Petitions and Consent Forms for candidates for **state's attorney, assistant judge, probate judge, sheriff and high bailiff in your county** for the major party (**Democratic, Progressive and Republican**) primaries are filed with you as county clerk. You must review the petition within 3 days and notify the candidate if they do not have the sufficient number of valid signatures. Please do not wait until June 17th to fax these forms. Please review the petitions and fax the consent forms as soon as possible after receipt.

Attached are PDF files of the "Consent of Candidate Form" and "Petition for Nomination for Major Party Candidates." Please make copies of these to have available at your office.

Candidates for other elected officers file petitions as follows:

- Major party candidates for State Representative must file the petition and consent form with the Representative District Clerk.
- All major party statewide candidates and all independent candidates must file petitions and consent forms with the Office of the Vermont Secretary of State.

Fax consent forms to (802) 828-5171 as soon as you determine the petition contains the required 100 signatures. If you prefer, you can scan the consent forms and email them to Melanie or Katie in Elections.

Office of the VT Secretary of State – Elections Division
Phone: (802) 828-2464 or Toll-Free (800) 439-VOTE
Fax: (802) 828-5171 On the web: www.sec.state.vt.us

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