



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

For the AUGUST 24TH PRIMARY ELECTION

To: All **Representative District Clerks**
From: Melanie Hodge, Elections Administrator
Date: April 21, 2010
Re: **Petitions and Consent Forms for Major Party Candidates for State Representatives**

- 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**.

If you receive this bulletin, you are a representative district clerk. You accept petitions from major party candidates for the office of state representative in your legislative districts and you will chair post election canvassing committees for your legislative districts. Our office will send you detailed instructions for each responsibility.

The Representative District Clerk CANNOT ACCEPT a nominating petition WITHOUT a CONSENT FORM signed by the candidate. 17 V.S.A. §2402(d).

Representative District Clerk Duties in June 2010:

Petitions and Consent Forms for candidates for **state representative in your legislative district** for the major party (**Democratic, Progressive and Republican**) primaries are filed with you as representative 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. You must fax all consent forms to the Elections Division at (802) 828-5171 as soon as you have counted the signatures of 50 legal voters. Please do not wait until June 17th to fax these forms – please review them and fax them 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. If you are unable to access the PDF files, you can download the forms by clicking on the website link below:
<http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/becomeacandidate.html>.

Candidates for other elected officers file petitions as follows:

- Major party candidates for State Senate must file the petition and consent form with the Senatorial District Clerk.
- Major party candidates for State’s Attorney, Assistant Judge, Probate Judge, Sheriff and High Bailiff must file the petition and consent form with the County 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 50 signatures. If you prefer, you can scan the consent forms and email them to Melanie or Katie in Elections.

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