

June 4, 2010

Blast Email Bulletin to All Town Clerks

Independent Candidates Notice

Good Afternoon,

This is a reminder of filing deadline changes in 2010. The major party candidate filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. Town Clerks who are Representative District Clerks must accept major party state representative candidate PRIMARY nominating petitions and consent forms (do not accept a petition unless there is also a consent form signed by the candidate) and after reviewing the petition to ascertain that there are 50 signatures, fax the consent form to the Elections Division at 802-828-5171. The major parties in 2010 are: Democratic, Progressive, and Republican.

**Independent nominating petition and consent forms for the GENERAL ELECTION are due in the OFFICE of the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. Do not accept independent candidate petition and consent forms or statements of nomination for minor party candidates for any office EXCEPT Justice of the Peace.** Independent candidate petition and consent forms and **minor party statements of nomination** of ALL candidates EXCEPT Justice of the Peace must be filed with the Elections Division in Montpelier.

**Please print and post the attached sign in your office as a reminder that Independent petitions (except Justice of the Peace) must be filed with the VT SOS.**

INDEPENDENT candidates for Justice of the Peace must file a nominating petition and consent form with the town clerk by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010. IF you have JPs that have run as independent candidates for JP before, as a courtesy please notify these voters that the independent filing deadline was changed by the legislature.

Justices of the Peace are also nominated by Town Party Committees. The town committees of major and minor political parties in each town, on or before Tuesday, August 3, may meet in caucus and nominate candidates for justice of the peace. The committee shall give notice and shall file the statements required not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. After August 3, town committees of major and minor political parties that have not held a nomination caucus may meet and nominate candidates, but all nominations must be received by the town clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. (There are different procedures for caucusing before August 3 and holding a meeting after August 3.) You should be receiving a copy of the notice to the parties about the nomination process next week in a bulletin that we are mailing to all town clerks.

Thank you

Melanie