

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE  
PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed. For the offices of County Commissioner, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, & Auditor nominating petitions must be filed in the office of the Mellette County Auditor, and nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senate District 26, & State Representative District 26A must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, 500 E Capitol Ave., State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501.

Nominating petitions for the offices of County Commissioner, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Auditor, Precinct Committeeman & Committeewomen, & Republican Delegates to the State Convention must be filed in the office of the Mellette County Auditor during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senate District 26, State Representative District 26A, must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, 500 E Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

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