

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a dynamic, wavy pattern. The colors are vibrant, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes on the right.

2016 Elections

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Voter Registration & Elections

Legislative Updates

Senate Bill 249

Eliminates straight party voting.

Senate Bill 312

Disqualifies candidates from appearing on the General Election ballot for failure to file primary campaign finance statements by the 84th day before the General Election.

Senate Bill 415

Adds a fourth Circuit Judge to the 23rd circuit (Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan) that will be elected in 2016.

Legislative Updates

House Bill 2010

Requires Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Circuit Court Judges, Family Court Judges and Magistrates to be elected on a non-partisan basis during the Primary Election.

House Bill 2157

Makes it a felony, upon conviction, for any person “who, with the intent to commit fraud, obtains, removes, or disseminates an absent voters’ ballot, intimidates an absent voter or completes or alters an absent voters’ ballot”.

Pre-Candidacy

Filing for pre-candidacy allows a person to raise money for their possible campaign. It does not lock them into running for that office; rather it is merely a tool used to better gauge their ability to raise money for a possible candidacy.

No money can be raised until the pre-candidacy form is filed.

Pre-Candidacy

The County Clerk's office can only accept filings for county level offices. All other offices will file with the Secretary of State's office.

Files with County Clerk	Files with Secretary of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ County Clerk○ Circuit Clerk○ County Commission○ Prosecuting Attorney○ Sheriff○ Assessor○ Magistrate○ Surveyor○ Board of Education○ Conservation District Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ President○ US House of Representatives○ Secretary of State○ Auditor○ Treasurer○ Commissioner of Agriculture○ Attorney General○ Justice of the Supreme Court○ Circuit & Family Court Judges○ State Senate○ House of Delegates

Pre-Candidacy

No filing fee is required to pre-file.

When filling out the pre-candidacy form, an office does not need to be declared. However, if someone is trying to decide between a county level office and a state level office they should file with the Secretary of State.

Pre-Candidacy

Anyone running for a magistrate seat cannot act as their own treasurer so a person will have to be named on the pre-candidacy form. If a person has pre-filed as undeclared and did not designate a treasurer then decides to run for magistrate, all contributions collected will need to be returned.

All money, item or service of value received and all expenditures made must be reported. For candidates pre-filing for 2016, the first financial statement is not due until the last Saturday in March 2016.

Offices on the Ballot

FEDERAL OFFICES

President

Filing Fee: \$2,500.00

US House of Representatives (2nd Congressional District)

Filing Fee: \$1,740.00

Offices on the Ballot

STATE OFFICES

Governor: \$1,500.00

Secretary of State: \$950.00

Auditor: \$950.00

Treasurer: \$950.00

Commissioner of Agriculture: \$950.00

Attorney General: \$950.00

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals: \$1,360.00

Circuit Court Judge: \$1,260.00

Family Court Judge: \$945.00

State Senator (16th Senatorial District): \$200.00

House of Delegates (65th, 66th, 67th Districts): \$100.00

Offices on the Ballot

COUNTY OFFICES

County Clerk: \$620.93

Circuit Clerk: \$413.95

County Commission (Charles Town & Shepherdstown Districts): \$413.95

Prosecuting Attorney: \$1,081.92

Sheriff: \$502.66

Assessor: \$502.66

Magistrate (*3 Positions*): \$575.00

Surveyor: \$10.00

Board of Education (*2 Positions*): \$25.00

Conservation District Supervisor: \$10.00

Questions?