

**2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (9/20/2011)**  
**CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION**  
**A.C.A. §6-14-111**

Any person desiring to be a candidate for a position on a school district's Board of Directors must:

- Be a qualified voter
- Be a resident of the district and respective electoral zone, if elected from zones
- File a petition containing at least 20 signatures of qualified registered voters of the district and zone, if elected from zones; or file a Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk
- Complete and file an Affidavit of Eligibility, in person at the County Clerk's Office
- Complete and file a Political Practices Pledge, in person at the County Clerk's Office

**FILING BY PETITION:**

- The **first day a candidate may *circulate* a petition** for candidacy is **Wednesday, June 22, 2011**. A candidate must ***FILE*** the Political Practices Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Petition with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon sixty (60) days before the Annual School Election. (**Filing Time: Friday, July 15 through 12:00 Noon, Friday, July 22, 2011**). Petition forms are available at any of the County Clerk's office locations and on the Benton County Clerk's website at [www.co.benton.ar.us/CountyClerk/](http://www.co.benton.ar.us/CountyClerk/) )

The petition for nomination shall indicate:

- The name and title of the candidate as proposed to appear on the ballot
- The resident address of the candidate
- The school district name, position or zone, in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The date of the school board election in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The name, residence address and date of birth of the qualified electors signing the petition and the date signed
- (By signature) that the signer is a qualified elector and the information provided is correct
- **The County Clerk's office must verify the accuracy of the petition.**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:**

- Must file the Political Practices Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon fifty-five (55) days before the Annual School Election (**Filing Time: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 through NOON, Wednesday, July 27, 2011**).

**WHERE TO FILE:**

- Candidates can file a petition at any of the County Clerk's office locations and are asked to do so **IN PERSON**.

**Bentonville:** 215 E Central Ave., Suite 217 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Rogers:** 300 W Poplar St, Suite 2 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Siloam Springs:** 707 S Lincoln St, Suite C (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:**

- Receive a condensed version of the School Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Drawing - A.C.A. §6-14-111(j)
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms:
  - Receive two Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Forms - Pre-Election Report (**if required**); and Final Report (**required**)
  - Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due on the first Monday following the close of the filing period, if one was not previously filed by January 31, 2011

**DRAWING FOR BALLOT ORDER:**

- Deadline for public meeting of County Board of Election Commissioners to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot is: **Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:**

<b>School District</b>	<b>Position No. / Zone No.</b>	<b>Years of Term</b>	<b>Currently Held by:</b>
Bentonville #6	Pos. 1	4 years	Marshall Ney
Bentonville #6	Pos. 2	4 years	Kim Mertes
Decatur #17	Zone 1	5 years	Justin E Thompson
Decatur #17	Zone 3	2 year Unexp term	Kevin W Smith
Gentry #19	Zone 1	*****	Gary Dunlap
Gentry #19	Zone 2	*****	Dani Cypert
Gentry #19	Zone 3	*****	Scott McCollum
Gentry #19	Zone 4	*****	Ted Dorn
Gentry #19	Zone 5	*****	Jim Barnes
Gentry #19	At-Large	*****	David Williamson
Gentry #19	At-Large	*****	Coye Cripps
Gravette #20	Pos. 5	5 years	Jim Singleton
Gravette #20	Pos. 6	5 years	Marion L Harris
Siloam Springs #21	Zone 2	5 years	Paulita S Brooker
Rogers #30	Zone 2	2 year Unexp term	Curtis Clements
Rogers #30	At Large 6	5 years	Bryon Black
Rogers #30	At Large 7	5 years	Cathy Allen
Pea Ridge #109	Pos. 1	5 years	Jennifer Wood

\*\*\*\*\* At the first meeting of the new board, the members shall establish initial terms by lot, from 1 yr to 5 yr terms to be staggered.