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SOS Toulouse Oliver Releases Requirements for Independent and Minor Party Candidates

*Requirements for Write-In, Judicial Retention
Candidates Also Released*

SANTA FE – Today, New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver released petition signature requirements and forms required for an Independent or Minor Party candidate to appear on the 2018 General Election ballot. [You can find those requirements on the Secretary of State's website.](#)

All Independent and Minor Party candidates are required to collect nominating petition signatures from eligible voters to appear on the ballot. These candidates, along with General Election write-in candidates and those running for judicial retention, are required to submit required candidacy paper work with the proper filing officer on Thursday, June 28, 2018.

The Secretary of State is the proper filing officer for the following offices: candidates for federal and statewide elected offices; candidates for legislative offices elected from multicounty districts; all candidates for the Public Regulation Commission; all elective judicial offices in the judicial department, except magistrates; and, all offices representing a district composed of more than one county. The county clerk is the proper filing officer for: all elective county offices; magistrate judges; and, legislative offices elected from a district located wholly within one county.

Candidates are encouraged to reference the [2018 Candidate Information Guide](#) on the Secretary of State's website for more information on filing for office and the [2018 Candidate Campaign Finance Reporting Guide](#) for more information on complying with state campaign finance requirements.

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