

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING AND PRIMARY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

Candidate Filing Period:

A special candidate filing period for South Carolina State House of Representatives District 97 in Berkeley, Colleton and Dorchester counties will open at noon on Friday, January 7, 2022 and close at noon on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

Filing Locations:

Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for this office must file during this period with either the county board of voter registration and elections in the candidate's county of residence or the State Election Commission.

Berkeley County Board of Voter Registration and Elections
1003 US Highway 52
Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Colleton County Board of Voter Registration and Elections
2471 Jefferies Highway
Walterboro, SC 29488

Dorchester County Board of Voter Registration and Elections
201 Johnston Street
St. George, SC 29477

State Election Commission
1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, SC 29201

Filing Hours:

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 15: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Filing Form: The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of scVOTES.gov and at the county voter registration and elections office.

Filing Fee: The filing fee for this office is \$100. Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by primary. Filing fee checks should be made payable to the appropriate state political party. A candidate seeking the nomination of a party nominating by convention does not pay a filing fee.

State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

Notice of Primary:

If at the close of filing a party primary is necessary to determine the party nominee (multiple candidates file for one party's nomination), a primary will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Any necessary runoffs will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Any person wishing to vote in these primaries and runoffs must be registered by Sunday, February 6, 2022. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, February 7. The special election for this office will be held on May 17, 2022.

At 10:00 a.m. on the day of the primary and the day the runoff (if necessary), the Berkeley County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at 1003 Highway 52 Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

On Thursday, March 10 at 10:00AM the Berkeley County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the primary. On Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 10:00AM the Berkeley County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the runoff. These hearings will be held at the Berkeley County Voter Registration & Election Office located at 1003 Highway 52 Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during any necessary primaries and runoffs from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

| <u>Precincts</u> | <u>Polling Place</u> |
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| Wassamassaw 2 | New Hope Community Center 1243 Jedburg Rd. Summerville, SC 29486 |