



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PETITION FACT SHEET (2018)

OFFICE	DISTRICT	OPTION A	OPTION B	DUE DATE (BY NOON)
County Court Judge		8,499	9,774	4/2/2018
County Commission	District 2	2,257	2,596	5/21/2018
County Commission	District 4	2,217	2,550	5/21/2018
County Commission	District 5, 7 (county-wide)	8,499	9,774	5/21/2018
School Board	District 2	1,958	2,252	5/21/2018
School Board	District 4	1,736	1,997	5/21/2018
School Board	District 6 (county-wide)	8,499	9,774	5/21/2018
Sheriff		8,499	9,744	5/21/2018
Soil and Water Conservation	District 1, 3, 5	25	n/a	5/21/2018
Special Districts		25	n/a	5/21/2018
Community Development Districts		25	n/a	5/21/2018

OPTION A

Name by Name Verification: This option is the verification of every petition submitted until the required number is reached. It is recommended that candidates who choose this option submit more than the required number to allow for invalid petitions. There is a signature verification fee of 10 cents per name.

OPTION B

Random Sample Verification: This option involves a system of statistically sampling petitions submitted rather than verifying each candidate petition as with Option A. The candidate **must** submit a minimum of 115% of the number needed for the office sought before the petitions are verified. Before submitting the petitions, the candidate must count and number each candidate petition. The petitions should be numbered sequentially in the top right-hand corner and bundled with a rubber band into groups of 100.

A fee of \$10 to verify a random sample of 100 petitions is required at the time the petitions are delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office. If additional sampling is needed, the candidate will be billed the additional charge of \$10 for each group of 100 petitions verified.

Fees for petition verification (using option A or B) can be waived by following procedures in section 99.097, Florida Statutes.

For further information please review the *Candidate Petition Handbook* available on our website, www.VoteHillsborough.org

The information contained in this fact sheet and other literature is not comprehensive in nature. If you are running for office, it is your responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws and local charters that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for an office. **Revised 9/5/2017.**