

# Independent Candidates

(General Elections)

Candidates must meet the age, residence and petition signature requirements listed below as set forth in the United States Constitution, New Jersey Constitution and N.J.S.A. 19:13-5

Office	Age	Residence	Citizenship	Number of Signatures	Office Filed
Electors of President and Vice President	25	Resident.	7 yrs.	800	Division of Election
U.S. Senate	30	Resident	9 yrs.	800	Division of Elections
House of Representatives	25	Resident	7 yrs.	50	Division of Elections
Governor	30	7 yrs.	20 yrs.	800	Division of Elections
N.J. Senate	30	Resident - 4 yrs.	Citizen	100	Division of Elections
N.J. General Assembly	21	Resident - 2 yrs.	Citizen	100	Division of Elections
County Office	18	Resident	Citizen	*	County Clerk
All other offices	18	Resident	Citizen	*	County or Municipal Clerk

*\*NOTE: The required number of signatures may vary. Candidates for the general election should contact the Municipal Clerk's office for an exact number. (N.J.S.A. 19:13-5)*

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