

**CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
(Partisan)  
August 7, 2012 Primary  
November 6, 2012 General Election**

<b>Filing Location:</b>	<p><b>State House Districts 88, 89, 90:</b> Ottawa County Clerk's Office 12220 Fillmore Street, Room 130, West Olive, MI 49460</p> <p><small>*Call Elections Division at: 616-994-4535 for additional office locations and hours*</small></p>
<b>Candidate Qualifications:</b>	<p>To be eligible for the office of State Representative a person must be a citizen of the United States, a registered and qualified elector of the district he or she wishes to represent by the filing deadline, and at least 21 years of age on the date he or she assumes office. (Art. IV, Sec. 7, of State Constitution; MCL 168.161)</p>
<b>Filing Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An Affidavit of Identity is required from all candidates.</li> <li>- Petitions containing sufficient signatures <b>OR</b> a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.</li> </ul>
<b>Petition Signature Requirements:</b>	<p>Petition signature requirements are based on the population of the district and must be of registered electors of the district. [MCL 168.544f]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Min 200 – Max 400</b></p> <p><b>(Must be on CITY/TWP PARTISAN form).</b> Voters may sign only the number of petitions equal to the number of offices being filled.</p>
<b>Filing Deadline:</b>	<p>Filings must be made by <b>4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.</b></p> <p><u>Candidates are urged to file early; if petition signatures are not acceptable, and the approved number falls below the minimum required, we will contact you to advise you of the shortfall. However, if a shortfall in the number of signatures required is discovered near or after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.</u></p>
<b>Withdrawal:</b>	<p>Candidates wishing to withdraw must submit in writing no later than <b>4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 18, 2012.</b></p>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b>	<p>It is the responsibility of the candidate to contact the Secretary of State (517) 373-2540 to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance. Candidates should do this prior to expending funds, advertising, or placing signs in support of your campaign, to avoid improper activities.</p>