

Ralls County
Candidate Filing Information
August 4, 2026: Primary Election

Candidate Filing – Date, Time & Location (RSMo 115.349)

- Opens: February 24, 2026, at 8:00AM
- Closes: March 31, 2026, at 5:00PM
- Location: Ralls County Clerk's Office

Ralls County Offices Open for Filing In 2026

- Associate Circuit Judge
- Circuit Clerk
- Collector
- County Clerk
- Recorder of Deeds
- Presiding Commissioner
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Treasurer
- Township/Ward Committeepersons

Documents Needed for Filing

- Missouri Driver's license, Voter I.D. Card, Birth Certificate or other form of identification are required at time of filing. **RSMo 115.355.4**
- For those individuals filing for the County Collector position, a signed affidavit from a bonding agency affirming that the candidate is bondable if they should take office. **RSMo 52.010**
- For those individuals filing for Recorder of Deeds, a signed affidavit from a bonding agency affirming that the candidate is bondable if they should take office. **RSMo 59.021**
- For those individuals filing for the County Treasurer position, a signed affidavit from a bonding agency affirming that the candidate is bondable if they should take office. **RSMo 58.030**

Form 5120 Required (must be notarized prior to you filing for office)

- Each candidate is required to submit a copy of "Candidate's Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding Requirements – Form 5120" <http://dor.mo.gov/forms/5120.pdf> **RSMo 115.306**

Cost of Filing for Office

- \$100 political party filing fee (checks made payable to the Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Green or Constitution Central Committee) **RSMo 115.357.1 (2)**

Must File in Person Exceptions

- Candidates for office must file in person except for members of the armed services on active duty and disabled persons who may file by certified mail. **RSMo 115.355.2**

Ballot Placement

- For all first day filers, a random drawing determines ballot placement.
- After the first day of filing, candidates are placed on the ballot in the order of their filing. **RSMo 115.359**

Write- In Candidates

- Write- in candidates must file a declaration of intent in the County Clerk's Office by July 24, 2026 by 5:00PM. **RSMo 115.453.4**

Candidate Withdrawal Deadlines

- Withdrawal without a court order may occur until May 19, 2026. **RSMo 115.359**
- To withdraw after the deadline above, a court order is required and costs may be incurred. **RSMo 115.359**

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Please note that this is a courtesy listing, and we are not responsible for any missing information. As the filing candidate you are ultimately responsible for making sure that you have checked the qualifications for the office you are filing for and bring the appropriate paperwork.

Independent Candidates

- A petition with signatures of registered voters according to RSMo 115.321 must be filed with the Ralls County Clerks Office by 5:00PM on August 1, 2026. Those who pass the petition process will be placed on the November ballot. **RSMo 115.329**

General Qualifications Applicable to the Following County Offices: (Art. VII, 8 Constitution of Missouri; RSMo 115.306 and 115.349.3)

- Citizen of the United States;
- Resident of the state 1 year next preceding election;
- Registered Missouri voter;
- Is not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated in the declaration of candidacy;
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America;
- Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state;
- Does not have outstanding campaign disclosure reports due from prior elections.

Ralls County 2026 Candidate Qualifications

Associate Circuit Judge – Art. V, 21 Constitution of Missouri; RSMo 478.320

- At least 25 years of age
- Resident of the county 1 year before the election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

Clerk of the Circuit Court – RSMo 483.010

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding the election

Collector of Revenue – RSMo 52.010

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the County
- Must provide a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$750,000.

County Clerk – RSMo 51.050

- Over 21 years of age
- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding election

County Treasurer – RSMo 58.030

- Resident of Missouri and of County at least 1 year prior to election
- At least 21 years of age at time of filing
- Must be current in payment of all personal and real estate taxes at the time of filing
- Provide a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$3,000,000 at the time of filing.
- Must continue residency throughout term of office

Presiding County Commissioner- RSMO 49.020

- Resident of the county

Prosecuting Attorney – RSMo 56.010

- At least 21 years of age
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri
- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding election

Recorder of Deeds – RSMo 59.021

- At least 21 years of age
- Resident of the county 1 year next preceding the election
- A copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company indicating that the candidate meets the bond requirements of \$5,000

Committeeperson – RSMo 115.607 & 115.613

- Resident of the county 1 year preceding the election
- Resident of the committee district 1 year preceding the election