



2017 U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL ELECTION INFORMATION*

Montana Secretary of State

Elections and Government Services

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**All dates and requirements are subject to change by the 2017 Legislature*

Office	Qualifications	Annual Salary	Filing Fee
United States Representative 2-year term	25 years of age, U.S. Citizen for 7 years, inhabitant of the state when elected.	\$174,000	\$1740.00

- ◆ For the special election, [qualified political parties](#) will nominate their candidates according to party rules and will notify the Secretary of State in writing by the **75th** day before the election, which is also the deadline for nominated candidates to file a Declaration and Oath of Candidacy and to pay the **\$1,740** filing fee ([13-25-205](#) and [13-10-202](#), MCA).
 - Political parties that are **not** currently qualified for the ballot must submit to the county election office in the county in which the signers are registered, **5,000** certified petition signatures (including certified signatures from 5% of the voters in each of at least 34 house districts) at least **82** days before the election, in order to qualify for ballot access ([13-10-601](#), MCA) and nominate a candidate subject to the above deadline, requirements, and fee. There is no earliest date to gather petition signatures or to submit signed party qualification petitions to county election administrators.
- ◆ **Independent, minor party, and indigent** candidates must submit **14,268** certified petition signatures at least **82** days before the election to county election administrators, who will file the certified petition signatures with the Secretary of State ([13-10-501](#), [502](#), [503](#), [505](#) and [507](#), MCA). At least **75** days before the election, candidates will file with the Secretary of State their Declaration and Oath of Candidacy ([13-25-205](#)) and **\$1,740** filing fee [13-10-202](#) (unless filing as indigent, [13-10-203](#) MCA). There is no earliest date to gather petition signatures or to submit signed candidate petitions to county election administrators.
- ◆ Write-In candidates must file their Write-In Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay the **\$1,740** filing fee to the Secretary of State at least **35** days before the election ([13-10-211](#) and [13-10-202](#), MCA).
- ◆ Additional information, including filing forms and additional specific requirements, are linked at <http://sos.mt.gov/elections>.