

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE
PRIMARY ELECTION AND FOR FILING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITIONS**

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the primary election is March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run as an independent candidate in the general election is April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time. If a petition is mailed by registered mail by April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. central time, it is considered filed. For the offices of Lake County Commissioner(2 positions), Lake County Auditor, Lake County Register of Deeds, and Lake County Sheriff, nominating petitions must be filed in the office of the Lake County Auditor, 200 E Center St, Madison, SD 57042, and nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senate District 8, and State Representative District 8 must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, 500 E Capitol Ave, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501.

Nominating petitions for the offices of Lake County Commission(2 positions), Lake County Auditor, Lake County Register of Deeds, Lake County Sheriff, Republican Delegates to the State Convention, Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman for the Republican Party must be filed in the office of the Lake County Auditor, 200 E Center St, Madison, SD 57042, during regular business hours. Nominating petitions for the offices of U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioner, State Senator in District 8, State Representatives in District 8, Water Development District Director, and Heartland Consumer Power District Director must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, 500 E Capitol Ave, State Capitol Building, Pierre, SD 57501, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. central time.

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