

**GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 2, 2010
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ONLY**

This form is due in the Office of the Secretary of State not before MONDAY, May 10, 2010 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, June 17, 2010. You MUST file this Consent of Candidate at the same time you file your nominating petition.

Each candidate for office in the **general election on November 2, 2010** must file a nominating petition and consent form with the filing officer in order to authorize the printing of his or her name on the general ballot.

For all candidates, except Justices of the Peace, this form is due in the Office of the Secretary of State. You MUST file this Consent of Candidate form at the same time you file your nominating petition. (Justice of the Peace candidates must file consent forms and statements of nomination with the Town or City Clerk.)

Please complete this form carefully. This form is required by law to establish exactly how each candidate's name, town of residence, and district will appear on the ballot. The law also requires that each candidate provide us with a mailing address. You may include initials or nicknames in your name; however titles cannot appear on the ballot. It will be most helpful if you limit your name including spaces to no more than 24 characters.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

I consent to having my name printed on the ballot as follows:

OFFICE: _____

DISTRICT: _____

(Indicate: "Statewide"; "_____ County"; or representative or senatorial district, such as "Addison 2-1". If you do not know the official name of your legislative district, please call the Elections Division at (802) 828-2464. Your form must use the official name of the legislative district and NOT just a list of town names.)

My name, town or city of residence, and party are as follows – exactly as I want it to appear on the ballot:

Name: _____

Town of Residence: _____

Party: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening/Weekend: _____

Email Address: _____

Website URL: _____

(If you provide the link, your signature on the consent form will authorize our office to create a link to your website from the Secretary of State's website.)

For statistical purposes only, please circle candidate's sex: M F

INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
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SIGNATURES REQUIRED to be added to General Ballot – 17 V.S.A. § 2402(b).

For Statewide and U.S. Congressional Officers - 500

For State Senator and County Officers - 100

For State Representative - 50

For Justice of the Peace - 30 or one percent of the legal voters of the municipality, whichever is less.

WHERE TO FILE – 17 V.S.A. § 2387 – All independent candidates (except Justices of the Peace) must file with the Office of the Secretary of State, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101. Independent Candidates for Justice of the Peace file with your Town or City Clerk.

WHEN YOU FILE

No sooner than MONDAY, May 10, 2010. 17 V.S.A. § 2386

No later than 5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, June 17, 2010. 17 V.S.A. § 2386

Note: Under Vermont law, "filed" means "deposited in the regularly maintained office of the official with whom the filing is to be made." 17 V.S.A. § 2103(13).

CONSENT FORM

A consent form must be filed in the office of the officer with whom you file statements of nomination at the same time as nominating petitions. We are requesting an email address as an additional way to contact you. If you have a candidate website and provide the link on the consent form, your signature on the consent form will authorize our office to create a link to your website from the "Candidates" page on the Elections Website. **YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT** if you fail to file a consent form with your nominating petition.

NAME OF PARTY – 17 V.S.A. § 2403.

The political or other name on the petition/statement shall be substantially different from the name of any political party organized in Vermont and may not be more than three words. It shall also be different from any name on any other statement of nomination for the same office presently on file with the Secretary of State for the same election. **Leave the "party" line BLANK if you want the word "Independent" to be printed on the ballot after your name – or just write "Independent."**

INFORMATION FOR SIGNERS

WHAT IT MEANS TO SIGN –

Your signature doesn't necessarily mean you will vote for the candidate in November. You are just saying that you feel the candidate is a worthwhile person to be running in the general election.

You may sign as many independent petitions/statements of nomination for a given office as there are nominations to be made (seats to be filled) for that office. (You may sign a petition for an independent even if you had signed a petition for someone else for the Primary Election.)

For example:

- You may sign one independent petition for Governor.
- You may sign petitions for two different State Representatives if you live in a two-member district
- You may sign three petitions if you live in a three-seat district for State Senate
- You may sign as many petitions for Justices of the Peace as your town will elect in November (5, 7, 10, 12, or 15). If you are unsure how many your town will elect, please contact the Town Clerk.