

RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN BERKELEY COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICES

All candidates for Berkeley County office must file with the Berkeley County Clerk. All candidates for County office must be qualified voters and some offices have additional qualifications. For more information, individuals may contact the West Virginia Association of Counties at 304-346-0591 or the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office.

MAGISTRATE

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 21 (by the time the individual takes office)

Salary: \$63,250

Filing Fee: \$632.50

Residence: Resident of Berkeley County

Qualifications: High school education or its equivalent; no more than one magistrate in immediate family; no past felony conviction or any conviction for moral turpitude.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Term: 6 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$45,535

Filing Fee: \$455.35

Residence: Resident of an open Magisterial District in Berkeley County (View Magisterial District map [here](#))

COUNTY CLERK

Term: 6 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$68,302

Filing Fee: \$683.02

Residence: Resident of Berkeley County

CIRCUIT CLERK

Term: 6 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$68,302

Filing Fee: \$683.02

Residence: Resident of Berkeley County

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$119,011

Filing Fee: \$1,190.11

Residence: Resident of West Virginia

Qualifications: Admitted to practice law by the time the term begins

SHERIFF

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$56,793

Filing Fee: \$567.93

Residence: Resident of Berkeley County

Note: A sheriff may only serve part or all of 2 consecutive terms.

ASSESSOR

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$56,793

Filing Fee: \$567.93

Residence: Resident of Berkeley County

SURVEYOR

Term: 4 years Minimum

Age: 18

Filing Fee: \$10

Salary: N/A

Qualifications: Must be licensed.

Note: The office of Surveyor has no official duties and no salary unless the County Commission contracts with the elected surveyor for specific work.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: No more than \$260 per meeting

Filing Fee: \$25

Residence: Resident of open magisterial district in Berkeley County (View Magisterial District map [here](#))

Qualifications: High School diploma or GED; Training required prior to taking office

Note: No more than two members may be elected or serve from the same magisterial district. New terms begin July 1.

EASTERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT - DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (3 Berkeley County Seats)

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: N/A

Salary: N/A

Filing Fee: \$10

Residence: County Resident

Qualifications: Landowner in district; education or experience in conservation. Candidates for supervisor only run for the office in the county in which they reside.

Note: For any questions regarding this position, contact the West Virginia Conservation Agency at (304) 558-2204 or www.wvca.us.

STATE OFFICES

Candidates for State office must file a Certificate of Announcement with the [Secretary of State's Office](#) to be on the ballot in West Virginia. No person except citizens entitled to vote shall be elected or appointed to any state office.

GOVERNOR

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$186,854

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election

Filing fee: \$1,868.54

Note: The Governor cannot hold office for more than 2 consecutive terms.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$135,344

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia

Filing fee: \$1,353.44

STATE AUDITOR

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$135,344

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia

Filing fee: \$1,353.44

STATE TREASURER

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$135,344

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia

Filing fee: \$1,353.44

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$135,344

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia

Filing fee: \$1,353.44

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 25

Salary: \$135,344

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election

Filing fee: \$1,353.44

JUSTICE FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

Term: 12 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$149,600

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election

Filing Fee: \$1,496

Qualifications: Be a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar; admitted to practice law at least 10 years prior to election (WV Const., Art. 4, § 4 and Art. 8 § 7)

JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS

Term: 10 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$142,500

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years

Filing Fee: \$1,425

Qualifications: Be a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar; admitted to practice law at least 10 years prior to election.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

Term: 8 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$138,600

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election. Must reside in circuit while in office.

Filing Fee: \$1,386

Qualifications: Be a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar; admitted to practice law at least 5 years prior to election.

FAMILY COURT JUDGE

Term: 8 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$103,950

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election. Must reside in circuit while in office

Filing Fee: \$1,039.50.

Qualifications: Be a member in good standing with the West Virginia State Bar; admitted to practice law at least 5 years prior to election

STATE SENATE

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 25

Salary: \$20,000

Residence: Citizen of West Virginia for 5 years prior to election. Resident of district or county 1 year prior to election.

Filing Fee: \$200

Districts: 15-Berkeley/Hampshire/Morgan; 16-Berkeley/Jefferson (View West Virginia Senate District map [here](#))

Note: No candidate is eligible to file residing in a county and within the same district already represented by a seated senator.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Term: 2 years

Minimum Age: 18

Salary: \$20,000

Residence: Resident of district or county for 1 year prior to election

Filing Fee: \$100

Note: All 100 seats in the House of Delegates, including eight that represent portions of Berkeley County, are on the ballot every two years.

Districts: 90-Berkeley/Morgan; 91-Berkeley; 92-Berkeley; 93-Berkeley; 94-Berkeley; 95-Berkeley; 96-Berkeley; 97-Berkeley/Jefferson (View West Virginia House of Delegates District map [here](#))

FEDERAL OFFICES

Candidates for Federal office must file a Certificate of Announcement with the Secretary of State's Office to be on the ballot in West Virginia. These candidates must also follow the statement of organization and campaign finance reporting regulations of the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Information on federal candidate filing and reporting requirements can be at <https://www.fec.gov/> or call the FEC at 800-424-9530 or 202-694-1100.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Term: 4 years

Minimum Age: 35

Salary: \$400,000

Residence: 14 year resident of the U.S. and natural born citizen

Filing Fee: \$2,500

Note: The President cannot hold office for more than 2 consecutive terms.

U.S. SENATE

Term: 6 years

Minimum Age: 30

Salary: \$174,000

Residence: 9 year citizen of the U.S.; West Virginia inhabitant when elected

Filing Fee: \$1,740 WV inhabitant when elected.

Note: The term begins in January.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – SECOND DISTRICT

Term: 2 years

Minimum Age: 25

Salary: \$174,000

Residence: 7 year citizen of the U.S.; West Virginia inhabitant when elected

Filing Fee: \$1,740

Note: One person is elected from the Second Congressional District, which is comprised of the following counties: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Doddridge, Grant, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wood.

Note: The term begins in January.