

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION  
NOTICE OF NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE QUALIFYING  
NONPARTISAN ELECTION - MAY 24, 2022**

Rockdale County Nonpartisan candidates shall qualify for the offices listed below at the following times:

9am – 5pm, Monday, March 7, 2022 thru Thursday, March 10, 2022  
9am until Noon, Friday, March 11, 2022

**Qualifying will be held at:**

Rockdale County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office  
1115 West Avenue, SW  
Conyers, Georgia 30012  
(770) 278-7333

Candidates may qualify by paying a Qualifying Fee (paid by Cash, Check, Cashier’s Check or Money Order); or by filing a Pauper’s Affidavit accompanied by a Qualifying Petition at the time of qualifying.

**OFFICES TO BE FILLED:**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE</b>
State Court Judge of Rockdale County	\$4,288.72
Associate State Court Judge of Rockdale County	\$4,288.72
Board of Education, Posts 1 and 2 of Rockdale County	\$75.00

The Nonpartisan Election will be held on May 24, 2022, in conjunction with the General Statewide Primary Election.

For more information, contact the Rockdale County Board of Elections/VR Office.

**RESOLUTION TO FIX AND PUBLISH QUALIFICATION FEES FOR  
COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE 2022 ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(A) requires the governing authority to establish the Qualification Fees for each county office to be filled in the upcoming general primary, nonpartisan election or general election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-131(a)(1)(A) and 21-2-131(a)(1)(B), such fees for the office of members of the county governing authority shall be three percent (3%) of the base salary established by local Act of the General Assembly, exclusive of compensation supplements for training and cost of living adjustments for the preceding calendar year. For School Board, a reasonable fee shall be set by the governing authority, such fee not to exceed three percent (3%) of the income derived from such county office by the person holding such office for the preceding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners does hereby set the qualification fees for county offices for 2022 as follows:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, POST 2	\$621.81
JUDGE, STATE COURT (A)	\$4,288.72
JUDGE, STATE COURT (B)	\$4,288.72
BOARD OF EDUCATION, POST 1	\$75.00
BOARD OF EDUCATION, POST 2	\$75.00

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

Rockdale County, Georgia  
Board of Commissioners

By:   
Oz Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

By:   
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By:   
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney



# ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## 2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

### COST TO RUN FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-131 (a)(1) (A) and (1) (B), the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners will set qualifying fees for county offices to be elected by Rockdale County voters in 2022, no later than February 1, 2022.

Such Qualifying fees shall be set as follows:

County Commission Post 2	The Qualifying Fee shall be set at <b>3% of the base salary</b> as specified by law, excluding supplements for training and cost of living increases.
Rockdale County School Board Posts 1 and 2	The Qualifying fee shall be set at a rate determined by the Governing Authority for non-salaried offices. Such fee shall be reasonable and not exceed three percent (3%) of income derived from such office by the person holding office for the preceding year.
State Court Judge Associate State Court Judge	

### WHEN TO QUALIFY

<b>PARTISAN OFFICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT</b>
County Commission Post 2

**PARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 24, 2022 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT:** In accordance with Ga. Election Code § 21-2-153, candidates seeking nomination for the following offices shall file their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit with the appropriate county’s political party (Rockdale County Democratic or Republican Party), **beginning, 9:00 a.m., March 7, 2022 and ending Noon, March 11, 2022.**

<b>NON-PARTISAN OFFICE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT</b>
Rockdale County School Board, Posts 1 and 2 State Court Judge Associate State Court Judge

**NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 24, 2022 NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT:** Candidates seeking nomination for the following nonpartisan offices shall file their Notice of Candidacy in the office of the Election Superintendent (Rockdale County Elections Office) **beginning, 9:00 a.m., March 7, 2022 and ending Noon, March 11, 2022.**

# ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## 2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

### WHERE TO QUALIFY

#### QUALIFYING LOCATIONS:

**A. PARTISAN CANDIDATES:** NOTE – the qualifying period for partisan candidates is 9:00 a.m. March 7, 2022 through Noon March 11, 2022

**Party Nominee:** Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-153, candidates for party nomination for County Offices shall qualify by filing their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit and pay such qualifying fees with:

For Democratic Party  
County Offices:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ROCKDALE COUNTY)  
TO BE DETERMINED  
Phone: (678) 609-3518  
Email: [chair@rockdaledems.org](mailto:chair@rockdaledems.org)**

For Republican Party  
County Offices:

**REPUBLICAN PARTY (ROCKDALE COUNTY)  
TO BE DETERMINED  
Phone: (678) 524-6159  
Email: [chairman@rockdalegop.com](mailto:chairman@rockdalegop.com)**

**B. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES:** NOTE – the qualifying period is 9:00 a.m. March 7, 2022 through Noon March 11, 2022 For Nonpartisan, Independent, and Political Body Candidates running for a local Rockdale County Office Only:

**Non-Partisan:** Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-132, candidates seeking non-partisan County Offices shall qualify by filing their Notice of Candidacy and Pay such qualifying fees with:

**ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE  
1115 WEST AVENUE, SW  
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012  
(770) 278-7333**

# ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## 2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

**C. INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES:** Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-132(d)(3) and 21-2-170. An Independent or Political Body Candidate for County Office:

1. Must file a Notice of Candidacy between 9 a.m., March 7, 2022 and Noon, March 11, 2022
2. Pay the required qualifying fee or file a Pauper's affidavit. If filing a pauper's affidavit, candidate must also file a qualifying petition at the time of qualifying.
3. Must file a Nomination Petition between June 27, 2022 and Noon July 12, 2022 with the Board of Elections Office at the address indicated below (GA Election Code §21-21-132(e)). Please refer to page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Nomination Petition.

Rockdale County Elections Office  
1115 WEST AVENUE, SW  
Conyers, Georgia 30012  
Phone: (770) 278-7333

The Nomination Petition must be signed by **five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office** the candidate is seeking. A Nomination Petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the Nomination Petition may be filed (last day to file a nomination petition is July 12, 2022). Refer to the chart on page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Nomination Petition (21-2-170).

## **QUALIFYING UNDER A PAUPERS AFFIDAVIT:**

**Pauper's Affidavit:** In accordance with Georgia Election Code, Sections 21-2-153 (a.1)(1), 21-2-132(g), At the time of qualifying, candidates may qualify by filing a pauper's affidavit in lieu of paying the required qualifying fee.

1. Must complete Notice of Candidacy
2. Must complete a Paupers Affidavit
3. Must submit a completed Qualifying Petition at the time of qualifying, signed by one percent of the total number of voters eligible to vote in the last election for filling of the office for which the candidate is qualifying. Refer to the Chart on page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Qualifying Petition.
4. The Paupers affidavit, Notice of Candidacy and Qualifying Petition must be filed at time of qualifying. The Qualifying petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the qualifying petition may be filed.



# ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## 2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR PAUPER'S, INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES			
OFFICE SOUGHT	REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF LAST ELECTION HELD TO FILLED OFFICE 11/6/2018	PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT  QUALIFYING PETITION  SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT (1% OF VOTERS)	NOMINATION PETITION  SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR INDEPENDENT OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES (5% OF VOTERS)
County Commission, Post 2	58,299	583	2,915
NONPARTISAN OFFICES			
OFFICE SOUGHT	REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF LAST ELECTION HELD TO FILLED OFFICE	PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT  QUALIFYING PETITION  SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT (1% OF VOTERS)	NONPARTISAN OFFICES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO HAVE INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES
Board of Education Posts 1 and 2	56,656 Last Election 5/22/18	567	NOT ELIGIBLE
State Court Judge	62,518 Last Election 5/19/20	626	NOT ELIGIBLE
Associate State Court Judge <i>NEW SEAT</i>	62,518 Last Election 5/19/20	626	NOT ELIGIBLE

**QUALIFICATIONS WRITE-IN/INDEPENDENT/POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES  
NONPARTISAN ELECTION - MAY 24, 2022  
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES O.C.G.A §21-2-133**

Any person wishing to be a write-in candidate for these offices must file their notice to be a write-in candidate as prescribed below:

<b>WHICH OFFICES IN ROCKDALE COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE AS A WRITE-IN?</b>	<p><b><u>NONPARTISAN OFFICE 5/24/22</u></b>  <b>Rockdale County School Board, Posts 1 and 2</b>  <b>State Court Judge</b>  <b>Associate State Court Judge</b></p> <p><b><u>PARTISAN OFFICES 11/8/22</u></b>  <b>Rockdale County Commissioner, Post 2</b></p> <p>Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate for one of these offices must be published in the Rockdale Citizen Newspaper (official organ of Rockdale County)</p>
<b>WHAT TO FILE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form</li> <li>2. Affidavit of publication which shall include:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Statement confirming that the notice has been published</li> <li>b. Date published</li> <li>c. Name of Newspaper</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Copy of Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate <b><i>as published</i></b> in Rockdale County Citizen Newspaper.</li> </ol> <p>Affidavit can be made by: (1) Write-In Candidate; (2) Publisher of Newspaper; or (3) Employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
<b>WHEN TO FILE:</b>	<p><b><u>FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES - Jan. 1, 2022 – March 18, 2022</u></b>  <b><u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES - Jan. 1, 2022 – Sept. 6, 2022</u></b></p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <b>Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form</b> with Election Superintendent</li> <li>(2) <b>Publish notice of intention to be a write-in candidate</b> in county legal organ (Rockdale Citizen Newspaper).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES - January 1, 2022 – March 23, 2022</u></b>  <b><u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES - January 1, 2022 - Sept. 12, 2022</u></b></p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <b>Affidavit of Publication and</b></li> <li>(2) <b>Copy of Notice of Intent of Write-In as published</b> in the Rockdale Citizen Newspaper.</li> </ol>
<b>WHERE TO FILE:</b>	<p><b>FOR LOCAL ROCKDALE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES</b>          ROCKDALE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE, 1115 WEST AVE, SW, CONYERS, 30012, (770) 278.7333</p> <p><b>FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICE:</b> - SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE, (404) 656-2871</p>

**NOMINATION PETITIONS - FOR INDEPENDENT OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES O.C.G.A. §21-2-132 & 21-2-170**

**FILE NOTICE OF CANDIDACY (§21-2-132):** Any person desiring to run as an INDEPENDENT or POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATE may file their Notice of Candidacy from **9 a.m., March 7, 2022 thru Noon, March 11, 2022** (candidates for a federal or state office must file with the Secretary of State Office).

**AND**

**FILE NOMINATION PETITION (§21-2-170):** Any person desiring to run as an INDEPENDENT or POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATE may file their Nomination Petition from **9 a.m., June 27, 2022 thru Noon, July 12, 2022.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A NOMINATION PETITION OR QUALIFYING PETITION FOR ROCKDALE COUNTY OFFICES, PLEASE REFER TO THE 2022 QUALIFYING INFORMATION SHEET; PAGES 3 AND 4 (INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED). FOR STATE OFFICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE, (404) 656-2871.