

Special 3-Day Filing Guide

FOR CANDIDATES

For candidates who file during the Special 3 Day filing May 20 - May 22, 2025

Includes Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative
Rules Updated May 2025

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About This Guide

Use this guide in conjunction with state and local laws, not in place of them. The Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"), Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") and other notations are offered as references for additional research. The material contained herein may change due to new legislation, judicial determinations, or rule changes.

The requirements described in this guide serve as the Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules for Chelan County as authorized by RCW 29A.32.230.

2025 Key Election Dates

5/20/2025	First day to file for the special 3- day filing (RCW 29A.24.181)
5/22/2025	Last day to file for office (RCW 29A.24.181)
5/22/2025	Lot Drawing at 5:00pm (RCW 29A.36.131)
5/30/2025	Submit photo and statement for online voter's guide (RCW 29A.24.131)
9/19/2025	Overseas and military ballots mailed for General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
10/14/2025	Local ballots mailed. Accessible voting units available at Chelan County Election Voting Center for General Election (RCW 29A.40.070)
10/27/2025	Deadline to receive new registrations or update an existing registration by mail, email, phone or online for the General Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
11/4/2025	Deadline for in person registration and updating an existing registration for the General Election (RCW 29A.08.140)
11/4/2025	GENERAL ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.321)
11/25/2025	County certification of General Election (RCW 29A.60.190)
12/4/2025	State certification of General Election (RCW 29A.60.250)

No Refund

Filing fees are not refundable, even if a candidate erroneously files for an office. (RCW 29A.24.131)

Withdrawal

Candidates may not withdraw at any time when filing for office during a Special 3 Day Filing period. (RCW 29A.24.181) & (WAC 434.215.065)

Ballot

The race will appear only on the General Election Ballot, no matter how many candidates file for that office and the top vote-getter in the General Election is declared the winner.

Filing for Office

Open Offices

Chelan County Special 3-Day Open Offices For 2025

<u>Positions Open</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	<u>File With:</u>
Fire Districts				
District No. 5 Commissioner 2	Dan Baker	6 yrs	None	Chelan County
District No. 10 Commissioner 1	Nancy Barnhart	6 yrs	None	Chelan County
District No. 10 Commissioner 2	Aaron Robinson	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 10 Commissioner 3	Ronald Valenti	4 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
Cemetery Districts				
District No. 1 Position 1	Christine R. Mallon	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 1 Position 2	Susan A. Smothers	6 yrs short & full	None	Chelan County
District No. 1 Position 3	Alvin R. Shannon	4 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 2 Position 1	Vacant	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 2 Position 2	Mark A. Smith	6 yrs short & full	None	Chelan County
District No. 2 Position 3	Cyndi Garza	4 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 3 Position 1	Larry Stallings	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 3 Position 2	Mark Preston	4 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 3 Position 3	Floyd Stutzman	6 yrs short & full	None	Chelan County
District No. 5 Position 1	Diana Pieratt	6 yrs short & full	None	Chelan County
District No. 5 Position 2	Debbie DeChand	4 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
District No. 5 Position 3	Devon Kiedrowski	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
Water Districts				
Alpine Water Dist. Commissioner # 3	Annette Mueller	6 yrs	None	Chelan County
Bear Mountain Water Dist. Commissioner #1	Jim Batdorf	6yrs	None	Chelan County
Bear Mountain Water Dist. Commissioner #3	Kevin Palmer	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
Lake Wenatchee Water Dist. Commissioner #3	Erin Colwell	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
Sewer Districts				
Lake Chelan Sewer Dist. Position 1	Michael R. Collins	6 yrs	None	Chelan County
Lake Chelan Sewer Dist. Position 2	Kevin Brown	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County
Parks & Recreation District				
Manson Park & Recreation Dist. Position 4	David Sneesby	2 yrs unexpired	None	Chelan County

Where to file

How to file in Chelan County

Requirements

- Be a registered voter of the district and meet the residency requirements for the office for which you are filing. (see pages 17 - 18)
- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy form.
- Pay filing fee online with Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Pay by cash or check in person. Your name will not appear on any official lists as a candidate for office until your Declaration of Candidacy is approved and your filing fee is paid.
- Provide a valid email address if filing online.

Candidates may file online at elections.chelancountywa.gov

The online filing tool will give you step by step instructions, email you a confirmation notice, alert you when other candidates file in your race, and provide an opportunity to submit your local voters' pamphlet information.

When to file

File online

Tuesday, May 20 at 8:00 a.m. - Thursday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m.

File in person

Chelan County Election Office

350 Orondo Ave, Suite 306 Level 3, Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509) 667-6808

Tuesday, May 20 at 8:00 a.m. - Thursday, May 22 at 5:00 p.m.

By mail

May 20 - May 22

Any declaration received prior to May 20 will be returned and the candidate shall be permitted to re-submit their declaration during the filing period. All declarations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. All mail-in declarations must include the filing fee, if applicable (RCW 29A.24.081) Mail to: Chelan County Elections, 350 Orondo Ave. STE 306 Level 3, Wenatchee WA 98801

Campaign Information

It is highly recommended that when filing for office, you provide a campaign mailing address, telephone number, and website.

If you do not provide a campaign mailing address, your voter registration mailing address will be published online in the list of candidates who have filed.

**Order of Appearance
on the General
Election Ballot and
in Voters' Pamphlet**

Order of Appearance will be determined by lot draw, which will occur after the close of filing on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The process is open to the public and begins after the candidate filings have been proofed for accuracy. (RCW 29A.36.131)

Local Voters' Pamphlet

The Administrative Rules -- What the law says

RCW 29A.32.230 requires the Auditor to adopt and publish administrative rules governing the format and content of the local voters' pamphlet. These rules must include: (a) Limits on the length and deadlines for submission of candidates' statements; (b) the basis for rejecting all or any part of a candidates' statement; and (c) an administrative appeal process in the case of such rejection.

Submission Deadlines

The deadline to submit your local voters' pamphlet information online is **Friday, May 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Basis for Rejection

All or any part of a candidates' statement may be rejected by the Elections Division if it includes biographical information, statements, photos, or contact information that:

- Is obscene;
- Is libelous;
- Contains a commercial advertisement;
- Contains matter prohibited by law from distribution through the mail;
- Contains matter not limited to the candidate himself or herself or the political office;
- Contains matter that is otherwise inappropriate or that does not comply with applicable law; or
- Was received after the submittal deadline.

Photos will be rejected that do not meet the statutory and administrative criteria outlined on page 12.

Helpful Tips

The candidates' statement portion of the local voters' pamphlet is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the voters. It can be thought of as your resume to the voters.

Do:

- Offer your vision to the voters. Be positive.
- Describe what you want to accomplish, if elected.
- Describe what makes you an excellent candidate.

Don't:

- Criticize your opponent or other individuals.
- Name people specifically or make references to "my opponent" or "the incumbent."
- Make false or misleading statements.

As part of your statement you may wish to explain:

- Who – Who **you** are.
- What – What **you** will do if elected.
- When – The timeframe for **your** goals or accomplishments.
- Where – **You** will make changes.
- Why – Are **you** the best candidate for the office?
- How – **You** will make changes or accomplish your goals for the office.

GOOD!	Not Allowed!
I do not support nor will I vote for tax increases.	(Opponent's Name) voted to increase taxes.
Using my financial background, I will make sure your money is spent wisely under my guidance.	The incumbent has wasted taxpayer's money. The incumbent has cost you millions and millions of dollars on poorly run projects.
If elected, I will ensure all laws are followed and applied fairly.	My opponent ignores the law. He regularly breaks the rules.
I do not support the following projects...	My opponent supports many risky projects and boondoggles.
Using my skills and abilities. I will bring improved decision making to the council.	The current council is made up of tax-loving bureaucrats.
I will bring new ideas and integrity to the city council.	The mayor and the entire city council are unimaginative and have offered no new ideas.

Submit your Local Voters' Pamphlet information online

You may submit your voters' pamphlet information when you file for office or you may submit later. If you choose to submit your voters' pamphlet information later, you will receive an email after your filing has been approved with a link to submit your statement and photo.

To meet the deadline, candidates should begin the upload process as early as possible after they file for office. There is no benefit to delaying. Local voters' pamphlet submissions are kept confidential. A candidate's submission will not be released until the deadline for submission of all statements has passed and the submissions have been approved by the Election's Office.

Any candidate who experiences technical problems should call the Elections Office immediately. Technical difficulties will not excuse candidates from meeting the deadline.

Local Voters' Pamphlet Publication

Chelan County publishes an official local voters' pamphlet for all elections. It is available in both printed and electronic format. All registered voters (one per household) will receive a local voters' pamphlet. The local voters' pamphlet can also be found on our website and at votewa.gov.

The Office of Secretary of State prints voters' pamphlets (state offices and measures only) for the General Election and not the Primary. Chelan County prints state offices and/or candidates that appear in the Primary or General Election local voters' pamphlet. The Office of the Secretary of State is responsible for accepting and approving voters' pamphlet information for state offices, congressional offices, legislative offices and certain judicial offices. The requirements and rules for these statements may differ from the laws and local rules for Chelan County candidates.

Biographical Information

Biographical Information

The biographical information must be **100** words or less allocated between four section headings.

Biographical information should be organized in accordance with the four subsection headings listed below. Subsection headings are not included in the word count.

Elected Experience. (Judges use Legal/Judicial Experience)

Other Professional Experience.

Education.

Community Service.

When a candidate doesn't submit information for a subsection heading, "No information submitted" will appear in that subsection area.

Statement

Candidate Statement

Length (RCW 29A.32.121)

The word limit for candidate statements is as follows:

County offices – 200 words

District Court Judge offices – 200 words

Superior Court Judge - see OSOS rules.

All other local offices – 200 words

Each part of a hyphenated or slashed word will be counted as a separate word. (Example - "Around-the-corner" = 3 words)

Shortening Biographical Information and Candidate Statements

Biographical information and candidate statements exceeding the word limits will be shortened by the Elections Office without notice and without consulting the candidate.

Submissions are shortened by deleting full sentences, starting from the end of the biographical information or candidate statement until the word limit for that section is reached.

Stay within the word limit. Candidates are not given an opportunity to correct submissions.

**Candidate Photo
Rules
RCW 29A.32.110,
WAC 434-381-140**

**Biographical information and candidate statement
format**

Italics may be used to emphasize specific words or sentences. Any other formatting, such as all caps, bold, or underlining, is not allowed. Caps, bold, and underlines will be converted to italics by the Elections Office.

Up to four paragraphs may be used in the candidate statement.

Lists and bullets are not allowed. Lists and bullets will be converted by the Elections Office to a block paragraph, with a semicolon to separate each item.

Photographs

You may upload one portrait photo. (Head and shoulders)
Photos should be less than 1 MB in size. (If larger, photo will take too long to load for the online guide.) Image size correction will not be made by Chelan County.

Clothing or insignia that suggest holding a public office are not allowed (e.g., judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms).

Candidate photos from previous local voters' pamphlets are not available for reuse. Candidate must submit a new photo online.

Candidates' Statements – At a Glance

Statement Type	Word Limit	Formatting
Biographical Information Section	100 <i>Subsection headings aren't included in word count.</i>	Not Allowed: Bold , ALL CAPS, <u>underlining</u> , lists, bullets
Candidate Statements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County offices All other local offices 	200	Allowed: <i>Italics</i> Up to four (4) paragraphs. Not Allowed: Bold , ALL CAPS, <u>underlining</u> , lists, or bullets.
Contact Information	Contact information isn't included in the word count.	Allowed: Campaign phone number; Campaign email address; Campaign website address. At least one method of contact (phone, email, website address) must be provided. Not Allowed: Titles (Dr., President, PhD.) Email and website addresses may not be obscene, libelous or a commercial advertisement.
Material submitted for publication in the local voters' pamphlet may be rejected by the Elections Office if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is obscene; It is libelous; Contains a commercial advertisement; Contains matter prohibited by law from distribution through the mail; Contains matter not limited to the candidate himself or herself or to the measure or political office; Contains matter that is otherwise inappropriate or that does not comply with applicable law; Photo does not meet statutory or administrative criteria; or Was received after the submittal deadline. 		

Candidate Contact Information

A candidate's campaign email address, website address and phone number may be printed in the local voters' pamphlet. At least one form of contact information is required. A candidate's mailing address will not be printed.

Make certain that phone numbers, email addresses and website addresses are accurate, functional, and not confidential or private. The use of government email accounts for the purpose of assisting a campaign is considered improper use of public resources and therefore not allowed as campaign or candidate contact information.

General Provisions Applicable to All Submissions

The contents of biographical information, candidate statements, photos and contact information are the sole responsibility of the authors.

Submissions don't represent the position of the Elections Office or Chelan County and neither is responsible for the validity or accuracy of the submissions.

Submissions should be edited and prepared as carefully as one would edit and prepare a resume. Spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors will not be corrected. Statement content will be printed exactly as received, if it complies with format specifications and content rules.

Be certain that email, web addresses, and phone numbers are accurate, functional, and not confidential or private.

Once submitted, all biographical information, statements, and photos are final. They can't be amended by the candidate.

All submissions for inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet are due by Friday, May 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

No exceptions are allowed. If a submission is not received by the deadline, the text "No photo submitted", "No information submitted", and/or "No statement submitted" will appear in the applicable sections.

Viewing Biographical Information and Candidate Statements

After all biographical information and candidate statements have been approved, candidates will receive a link to view the statements.

Candidates will not be permitted to make changes or correct the information submitted.

Appeal

RCW 29A.32.230

If all or any part of the biographical information, candidate statement, photo, or contact information is rejected by the Elections Office manager, a written notice of rejection will be sent to the proponent by email not more than five business days after the deadline for the local voters' pamphlet submittal and shall set forth specific grounds for the rejection.

Any candidate whose submission is rejected may appeal the Elections Office manager's decision to the Auditor. A written notice of appeal shall be submitted to the Auditor by email (auditor@co.chelan.wa.us) not more than 48 hours after the notice of rejection was sent and shall set forth the specific grounds for appeal. The Auditor shall issue a written decision granting or denying the appeal by email not more than 48 hours after receiving the notice of appeal. The decision of the Auditor to grant or deny an appeal shall be final.

If material is rejected, the local voters' pamphlet will be printed with the rejected material omitted and the appropriate space left blank.

Public Disclosure Commission

Washington State Public Disclosure Commission

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) provides public access to information about the financing of political campaigns, lobbyist expenditures, and the financial affairs of public officials and candidates. The commission ensures compliance and enforcement of Washington's disclosure and campaign finance laws.

Note: The information contained in this section is for informational purposes only. Candidates are advised to verify that they are following all state, county, and local laws. Candidates must contact the PDC directly with any questions or concerns.

Forms, Instruction Manuals and Brochures Available Online

Visit the PDC website pdc.wa.gov for public disclosure information and forms. Call PDC at (360) 753-1111 or 1-877-601-2828. Paper forms and instruction manuals are not available at the Chelan County Elections Office.

Where to File PDC Reports

File forms electronically on the PDC website: pdc.wa.gov

Candidate Filing Guidelines

Residency Requirements

US Senate: Candidates must be at least 30 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen. (Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Section 3)

US Representative: Candidates must be at least 25 years of age, US citizens and residents of the state for which they shall be chosen. (Reference US Constitution, Article 1, Sec. 2)

State Legislature: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified voter in the district. (Reference State Constitution, Article II, Section 7)

State Offices: Candidates must be a citizen of the US and a qualified elector of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article III, Section 25)

Supreme and District Court Judges: Candidates must be resident electors of their district and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17)

Superior Court Judges: Candidates must be resident electors of the State of Washington and admitted to practice law in the courts of record of the State of Washington. (Reference State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17)

Court of Appeals Judges: Candidates must be residents of the district for not less than one year and admitted to practice law in the courts of the State of Washington for not less than five years prior to taking office. (Reference RCW 2.06.050)

County Offices: Candidates must be US citizens, residents and registered voters of Chelan County. (RCW 29A.24.075)

Port Districts: Candidates must be registered voters of Chelan County. (Reference RCW 53.12, 29A.24.075)

Cities: Candidates must be registered voters at the time of filing and residents for a year on election day. (Reference RCW 35A.12.030, 35A.13.020, 29A.24.075)

City of Wenatchee: Candidates for Council shall be qualified electors (registered voters) and residents of the city at the time of filing and has been a resident of the city for a period of at least one year next preceding his or her election. The qualified electors of each voting district, and they only, shall nominate from among their number of candidates for the office of council member of such voting district to be voted for at the next general election. Such candidates shall be nominated in the same manner as other candidates at the primary election. In addition, two council members, designated council members-at-large, shall be nominated from among all districts within the City. Boundary changes to existing voting districts are subject to election at the next regular election. (Reference RCW 35A.12.030, RCW 35A.12.180)

School Districts: Candidates must be registered voters of district or director district. (Reference RCW 28A.343.350, 29A.24.075)

Wenatchee School District No. 246: Candidates for school board director shall be qualified electors (registered voters) and residents of the school district at the time of filing. The qualified electors of each voting district, and they only, shall nominate from among their number of candidates for the office of school board member of such voting district to be voted for at the next general election. Such candidates shall be nominated in the same manner as other candidates at the primary election. In addition, one school board director, designated school board director-at-large, shall be nominated from among all districts within the school district. Boundary changes to existing voting districts are subject to election at the next regular election. (Reference RCW 35A.12.030, RCW 35A.12.180)

Fire Districts: Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 52.14.010)

Park and Recreation Districts: Candidates must be resident electors (registered voters) of district. (Reference RCW 36.69, 29A.24.075)

Water and Sewer Districts: Candidates must be qualified electors (registered voters) of district. Fewer than one hundred residents see RCW 57.12.035. (Reference RCW 57.12)

Precinct Committee Officer: Be a registered voter in the precinct where you live. (Reference 29A.80.041)

No Double Filings RCW 29A.36.201

Excluding the office of Precinct Committee Officer, a candidate's name shall not appear for more than one office on the ballot.

Candidates Who Lack Funds to Pay the Filing Fee RCW 29A.24.091, 101, 111, 29A.84.261

Candidates or candidate committees lacking sufficient income or assets to pay the filing fee may submit a filing fee petition. The petition must be presented with the Declaration of Candidacy. The form is available on the Chelan County Elections website or at the Chelan County Elections Office. It must contain one valid registered voter signature for each dollar of the filing fee. For example, if the filing fee for the office you are seeking is \$200.00, the petition must contain 200 valid signatures of registered voters who reside in the district/jurisdiction of the office you are seeking. You should gather extra signatures to allow for invalid signers. No signatures may be submitted after Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must submit all signatures upon initial submission and may not supplement the signatures later. Petitions cannot be combined with money for the filing fee.

Write-in Candidates RCW 29A.24.311, 320, 29A.60.021

Any person who desires to be a write-in candidate must file a declaration of candidacy no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the general election. A write-in declaration of candidacy is timely if filed by this deadline.

Write-in candidates that file more than 18 days before an election do not pay a filing fee.

Write-in votes will only be tallied when they impact the outcome of the election.

Votes cast for write-in candidates who have filed declarations need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot and fill in the box to be counted.

No person may file a write-in declaration:

- For the General Election, if the candidate lost the Primary Election, either as a candidate or a write-in candidate.
- A valid write-in declaration has already been filed for another office.
- The candidate already appears on the ballot for another office.

No write-in candidate filing under RCW 29A.24.311 will be included in any voters' pamphlet unless that candidate qualifies to have his or her name printed on the General Election ballot.

Voids in Candidacy RCW 29A.24.181

A void in candidacy occurs if, after the regular filing week but prior to the day of the primary:

- No candidate has filed for office.
- All candidates who filed have withdrawn, or
- All candidates who have filed died or have been disqualified.

There is no void in candidacy if there is at least one viable candidate.

If a void in candidacy exists, a special three-day filing period will be opened. Notice of the special three-day filing period will be given by notifying the media.

If a void in candidacy is filled by special filing period, no primary will be held. All candidates who file during the special filing period appear on the General Election ballot.

If a precinct committee officer position is void at the close of filing week, that office is lapsed and not placed on the ballot. No special three-day filing period will be opened. The political party may fill the position by appointment.
RCW 29A.08.031

When an incumbent resigns, dies, or is disqualified mid-term, and candidate filings have not been held for the office, one of the following occurs:

- If the Elections Office is notified of a vacancy before regular candidate filing, the office will be included in regular filing.
- If the vacancy in office occurs on or after regular candidate filing has begun, no election is held for that office. The jurisdiction will fill the vacant position with an appointment until the next election for that office.

Vacancy in Office RCW 29A.24.171

If no candidate files during the regular filing period and subsequent special filing period, an election for that office will not be held until the next applicable election for the office.

No one file non-partisan office (Lapsed Elections) RCW 29A.24.191, 201

If, after the special three-day filing period has passed and no candidate has filed for any city, town, or district position, the incumbent continues to serve until a successor is elected at the next election when such positions are voted upon.

Political Signs

Chelan County Sign Regulations

Chelan County Code 11.92 SIGNS 11.92.030 Exempt Signs

(11) Political campaign or public issue ballot signs are permitted on any privately owned lot or parcel, excluding right-of-way. Signs are to be removed by the candidate or sponsoring party within fifteen days of the election. For the successful candidate of a primary election, the sign may remain until fifteen days after the final election. For residential and designated resource land districts, signs shall not exceed six square feet in area. For all other districts, signs shall not exceed thirty-two square feet;

Visit <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/ChelanCounty/> for detailed sign regulations.

State Sign Regulations

View the complete Highway Advertising Control Act through a link provided at the Department of Transportation's website - wsdot.wa.gov/operations/traffic/signs

If you have questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, call WSDOT (360) 705-7282.

Complaints

Sign violation complaints do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Chelan County Elections Office.

To report illegal roadside signs or potential sign violations on private property in unincorporated Chelan County

- Visit Chelan County Public Works' website at www.co.chelan.wa.us/public-works
- Call (509) 667-6415.

To report potential sign violations in a city or town

- Contact the local jurisdiction regarding regulations and requirements.

Observing the Election Process

Public Access at the Election Center

Citizens may view ballot processing anytime during the workday at the Chelan County Elections Office, located at 350 Orondo Ave, Suite 306, Wenatchee. A public viewing area is provided. Visitors may be required to sign a log when observing ballot processing at the Elections Office. Observer training is available prior to processing. Dates and times will be posted on our website.

Acts Prohibited in the Vicinity of a Voting Center or Ballot Deposit Site WAC 434- 250-100, RCW 29A.84.510 - 540

During the voting period that begins 18 days before election day, no person may, within 100 feet of a voting center or 25 feet of a ballot drop box:

- Suggest, persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;
- Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
- Solicit signatures to any kind of petition;
- Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts administration of the voting center.
- Engage through electronic amplification located more than 100 feet from an entrance to a voting center or 25 feet of the ballot drop box if the person is capable of being understood within 100 feet of the voting center or 25 feet of the drop box.
- Obstruct doors / entries to a building or prevent free access to and from a voting center or ballot drop box location.
- Interfere with a voter attempting to vote at a voting center or ballot drop box.
- Without lawful authority, remove any ballot from a voting center or ballot deposit site.
- Within 25 feet of a ballot drop box that is not located within a voting center, no person may electioneer, circulate campaign material, solicit petition signatures, or interfere with or impede the voting process.
- Deliberately impeding voters from casting their vote by refusing to leave a voting booth or voting device.

Election Results

Election results are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on election night at the Chelan County Elections Office, 350 Orondo Ave, Suite 306, Wenatchee.

Election results are also available online at elections.chelancountywa.gov

After Election Day

Elections Office staff will continue to verify, open, count, and update results until certification.

Recounts

Mandatory/Automatic Recounts RCW 29A.64

An automatic recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if less than 2,000 votes and also less than 1/2 of 1% of the votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position or measure in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

For statewide elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1,000 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of the total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually.

For all other elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes and also less than 1/4 of 1% of total number of votes cast for both candidates, the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be used if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

If a mandatory recount is required for a candidate in a jurisdiction, the costs of the recount are billed as a direct cost to the jurisdiction.

When a recount is not conducted

Recounts do not apply for state advisory votes or local measures. Also, no recounts to settle a margin between first- and second-place candidates in a primary election.

Requested Recounts

An application for recount must be filed within two business days after the certification of the election. The application must specify the race or state measure to be recounted. A deposit equal to \$.15 (machine recount) or \$.25 (manual recount) per ballot by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be determined by the canvassing board and may be less or more than the deposit. An application for recount can be found on our website.

Resources for Newly Elected Officials

I won the election and have been certified the winner. What do I need to do next? RCW 29A.04.133

Oath or Affirmation of Office

After the election results have been certified, every person elected to an office in the State of Washington, including jurisdictions within counties, cities, and towns, is required by the Washington constitution and/or statutes to take an oath or affirmation of office prior to serving. The oath or affirmation of office must comply with the appropriate statute or, if none is specified for that office, in accordance with the oath or affirmation set forth in RCW 29A.04.133. Depending on the office and tradition, the oath or affirmation of office may be taken or attested either verbally or in writing. Oaths of office will be mailed to your jurisdiction's office following certification of the election.

How should the oath or affirmation of office be administered to a candidate?

RCW 29A.04.133 requires that the oath or affirmation of office be administered and certified by any officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths, without charge. Six positions are specifically qualified by statute to administer oaths:

Judges and Notary Publics	RCW 5.28.010
Clerk of the Courts	RCW 2.32.050
County Commissioners	RCW 36.32.120
County Auditors or Deputies	RCW 36.22.030
Town Clerks	RCW 35.27.220
School Officials	RCW 28A.343.360

Filing your oath or affirmation of office

Once the oath or affirmation of office has been taken for a local or county office, the original must be filed with the Elections Office. Elected officials may wish to complete a second original oath for retention or display purposes.

Oaths of office for supreme court justice, court of appeals, and superior court judge are filed with the Secretary of State.

Bond

A qualified candidate may also be required to post a bond. If so, it is not the responsibility of the County Auditor to verify that such bond has been posted.

When should an oath of office be taken?

See the tables below for more information regarding oaths and the timelines for assuming office.

Oaths/Affirmations of Office	Where Original Oaths/Affirmations are Filed
Court of Appeals and Superior Court Judges	Secretary of State (Reference RCW 2.06.085)
District Court Judges	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)
County Offices, City, Town, Special Purpose and School Districts	County Auditor (Reference RCW 36.16.060)

Timelines for Assuming Office	
Superior Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 2.08.070)
District Court and Municipal Court Judge	2nd Monday in January (Reference RCW 3.34.070)
County Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.60.280; County Charter 4.80)
City Offices	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.04.133, 29A.60.280)
Port and Public Utilities District	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.60.280, 53.12.172, 54.12.100)
School Districts	At the first meeting after Certification of General Election (Reference RCW 28A.343.360)
Sewer, Water, Hospital, Fire Protection, Cemetery, Park & Recreation Districts	January 1st, after elected and qualified (Reference RCW 29A.60.280, 57.12.030, 70.44.040, 52.14.070, 52.14.080, 68.52.260, 35.61.050)

Data and Maps		
Voter Data - The Secretary of State's Office maintains one statewide list of voters that serves as the official list of registered voters for Washington. Get and request data at sos.wa.gov/elections/vrdb		
District Boundaries and Maps - Precinct maps are available on our website. Go to: elections.chelancountywa.gov (Under the Research and Data menu, click on Precinct Maps)		
Additional Resources		
Federal Voting Assistance Program	(800) 438-8683	fvap.gov
Municipal Research and Services Center	(206) 625-1300 (800) 933-6772	mrsc.org
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	(360) 725-6000	k12.wa.us
Chelan County Commissioners Office	(509) 667-6215	co.chelan.wa.us
Chelan County Elections Office	(509) 667-6808	elections.chelancounty.wa.gov
Public Disclosure Commission	(360) 753-1111 (877) 601-2828	pdc.wa.gov
North Central Educational Service District	(509) 665-2610	ncesd.org
Secretary of State	(800) 448-4881	sos.wa.gov
Washington State Association of Counties	(360) 753-1886	wsac.org
Washington State Auditor's Office	(360) 902-0370	sao.wa.gov
Washington State School Directors Association	(360) 493-9231	wssda.org

Chelan County Candidate Checklist	Done
May 30, 2025 - Submit biographical information, statement, and photo online for the Local Voters' Pamphlet. (see pages 8 - 15)	
Arrange for campaign contact information to use during the entire election cycle (possibly through the end of December 2025) including phone number, email address, and a website address.	
Any Public Disclosure requirements? (see page 16 and 30)	

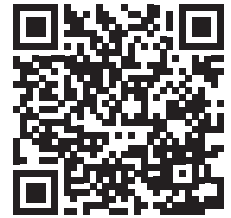


We hear you've decided to run for office...

• Step 1: Introduce yourself

You are a candidate once you publicly announce your candidacy, raise or spend money on your campaign, or **file during declaration week (May 5-9, 2025)**.

Within two weeks, register your campaign and file your personal financial affairs statement (F-1). See instructions and exceptions to this rule in the link to the right.



Registration and reporting basics

• Step 2: Consider your (reporting) options

Choose **mini** or **full** reporting. Unlike full-reporting, mini-reporting campaigns can raise or spend **no more than \$7,000, or \$500 from each contributor** without filing regular reports with the PDC (but must maintain records.)

Choose wisely! Mini reporting campaigns that exceed limits may face enforcement action. Switching to full reporting requires PDC approval and retroactive reporting.

• Step 3: Learn your responsibilities

Full-reporting campaigns must regularly report contributions and expenditures and abide by contribution limits, and all campaigns must follow political advertising rules and other requirements under **RCW 42.17A** and **WAC 390**.

"The public's right to know of the financing of political campaigns and lobbying and the financial affairs of elected officials and candidates far outweighs any right that these matters remain secret and private."

RCW 42.17A.001

• Step 4: Know your resources

Sign up today for one of the PDC's free online training sessions on:

- Disclosure 101: Candidates and Committees
- Understanding the F-1
- ORCA filing system demonstration



Training and resources for campaigns

Contact us: (360) 753-1111 pdc@pdc.wa.gov pdc.wa.gov