

Becoming a candidate for **School Board** is as easy as **ABC!**

A is for **Affidavit**

To gain access to the ballot, file a properly executed Affidavit of Identity with your district's school election coordinator. Candidates in the districts of Delton-Kellogg, Hastings, Maple Valley, Thornapple-Kellogg, and Barry ISD file with the Barry County Clerk. The affidavit may be picked up in our office or printed from the following page from the Bureau of Elections website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff_ID_Filing_Recpt_School_151435_7.pdf

The affidavit must be notarized before filing. Any notary public may perform that service. The Barry County Clerk's Office charges \$5.00 for each notarization performed by our staff.

B is for **Big Papers (Petitions) or 100 Bucks**

You may pick up School District Nominating Petitions in the County Clerk's Office. Petitions must measure 8.5 by 14 inches, so they are not available online for home printing. The headings must be correctly filled out before you start gathering signatures. Use a different petition sheet for each city's or township's registered voters. Each completed petition must be signed by the person who circulated it. See the back of the form for further instructions. Failure to properly complete petitions may result in signatures being ruled invalid.

If your district has fewer than 10,000 residents (Delton Kellogg or Maple Valley), you need a minimum of **6 valid signatures** and a maximum of 20 signatures. If your district has 10,000 or more residents (Hastings, Thornapple Kellogg, or Barry ISD), you need a minimum of **40 valid signatures** and a maximum of 100.

You may file a \$100.00 nonrefundable filing fee in lieu of petitions.

C is for **Campaign Finance**

After you become a candidate, you have 10 days to form your Campaign Finance Committee and 10 days to file its Statement of Organization. Candidates in a district with fewer than 2,400 pupils (Delton Kellogg and Maple Valley) AND who will not spend or receive more than \$1,000 are exempt from filing. A candidate who plans to spend or receive less than \$1000 may request a reporting waiver by checking Item 10. Failure to file required forms by their deadlines results in late fees. See www.michigan.gov/sos and follow links for Elections and Campaign Finance for more information.

D is for **Deadline!** File by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2011 for May 2011 or by 4:00 p.m. on August 16, 2011 for November 2011.

Questions? Visit SOS online or contact Beth DuBois, Deputy Clerk, at (269) 945-1285 x1124 or at edubois@barryco.org