

OHIO ELECTION COMMISSION

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(R.C. 3513.10)

The bill increases the candidate filing fees for certain offices and directs the increased fees to the Ohio Elections Commission (ELC) Fund, which ELC uses to support its operations to enforce the Campaign Finance Law.

Under continuing law, candidates pay two separate fees upon filing to run for office:

1. A fee that goes to the GRF in the case of candidates who file with the Secretary of State, or to the county's general fund in the case of candidates who file with the board of elections;
2. A fee that goes to the ELC Fund.

The bill increases the second fee for most candidates by \$5 to \$10, depending on the office, as follows:

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Office	Continuing state or county fee	Current ELC fee	ELC fee increase under the bill	Total fee
Statewide office, including joint candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor	\$100	\$50	+ \$10	\$150 → \$160
District office, other than State Board of Education	\$50	\$35	+ \$5	\$85 → \$90
State Board of Education member	\$20	\$35	+\$5	\$55 → \$60
Court of Appeals judge	\$50	\$30	+\$10	\$80 → \$90
Common pleas judge	\$50	\$30	+\$10	\$80 → \$90
County court judge	\$50	\$30	+\$5	\$80 → \$85
Municipal court judge	\$50	\$30	+\$5	\$80 → \$85

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Office	Continuing state or county fee	Current ELC fee	ELC fee increase under the bill	Total fee
County office	\$50	\$30	+\$5	\$80 → \$85
City office	\$20	\$25	+\$5	\$45 → \$50
Village office	\$10	\$20	None	\$30
Township office	\$10	\$20	None	\$30
Local school board member	\$10	\$20	None	\$30