

Miami-Dade County

2012 South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Candidates Candidate Qualifying Information

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector of the district [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.19(2)]

TYPE OF ELECTION: Nonpartisan [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.18(1)]

ELECTION AREA: District [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.18(1)(a)]

<u>GROUPS TO BE ELECTED:</u>	Group	Incumbent
	1	Louise King (Group 1 is a two-year term to complete unexpired term of this office)
	2	Thomas Lee Davenport
	4	S. Cooper McMillan

TERM: Four (4) years [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.19(2)]

The South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors shall assume office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election (January 8, 2013). [F.S. 582.18(1)(c)]

SALARY: None [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.19(2)]

ELECTION DATE: November 6, 2012 – General [F.S., Title XXXV, 582.18(1)]

QUALIFYING DATES: Noon, Monday, June 4, 2012 through Noon, Friday, June 8, 2012 [F.S. 99.061(3)]

A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (May 21, 2012) to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [F.S. 99.061(8)]

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department:

Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))*
3. Receipt of Handbook and The Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirement for Miami-Dade County ([Form MD-ED 10](#))*
5. Declaration and First Amendment Waiver ([MDC Ethics Commission Waiver](#)) (optional)
6. Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered ([MDC Ethics Commission Declaration](#)) (optional)
7. Candidate Oath - Nonpartisan Office ([Form DS-DE 25](#))
8. Form 6 – Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interest – 2011 (CE Form 6) along with any other applicable forms. Public officers who have filed financial disclosure with the Florida Commission on Ethics may file a copy with filing officer at time of qualifying. The 2011 CE Form 6 will be available after January 1, 2012, in the [Florida Commission on Ethics website](#).
9. Qualifying fee of \$25.00 [F.S. 99.061(3)] is to be made payable to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - Personal Check – Candidates not collecting contributions and who did not open a campaign account.
 - Campaign Check – Candidates collecting contributions and who opened a campaign account. [F.S. 106.11(1)(a)]
10. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

** These forms must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at time of announcing candidacy. If candidates are not collecting contributions and will not be opening a campaign account, forms DS-DE 9, DS-DE-84, and MD-ED 10 will not be required.*

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Qualifying Method – Petitions

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9. Candidate Petition ([Form DS-DE 104](#))
10. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office.

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Who Can Sign Petitions? [F.S. 99.095]

Any registered elector in the geographical area of candidacy may sign a petition.

25 valid petition signatures of registered electors of the district are required.

Deadline for Submitting Petitions: [F.S. 99.095]

Candidates must submit petitions for verification to the Miami-Dade Elections Department no later than noon on the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (May 7, 2012).

Petition Verification: [F.S. 99.097]

There is a charge of 10 cents per name for verification of signatures, which must be paid to the Miami-Dade Elections Department upon submission of petitions. The candidate may file an "[Affidavit of Undue Burden](#)" with the Miami-Dade Elections Department to waive the cost of verification. [F.S. 99.097(4)]

If any person is paid to solicit signatures on a petition, an undue burden oath may not subsequently be filed in lieu of paying the fee to have signatures verified for that petition. If an undue burden oath has been filed and payment is subsequently made to any person to solicit signatures on a petition, the undue burden oath is no longer valid and a fee for all signatures previously submitted to the supervisor of elections and any that are submitted thereafter shall be paid by the candidate who submitted the undue burden oath. [F.S. 99.097(6)]

The Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of valid signatures no later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period (May 28, 2012) and submit such certification to the Division of Elections. [Florida Statutes 99.095(3)]

If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he/she may still qualify by paying the qualifying fee.

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CANDIDATE FORMS

The following list is a compilation of forms to be used by Soil and Water Development District candidates that qualify with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department and their campaign treasurer(s). For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

Opening of Account	
DS-DE 9	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
DS-DE 84	Statement of Candidate
MD-ED 2	Receipt of Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
MD-ED 10	Campaign Treasurer's Report Electronic Filing Requirement for Miami-Dade County
MDC Ethics Commission Waiver	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
MDC Ethics Commission Declaration	Declaration for Candidates Not Automatically Covered (optional)
Qualifying	
DS-DE 104	Candidate Petition
Affidavit of Undue Burden	Affidavit of Undue Burden – if candidate can not pay for the verification of the signatures
DS-DE 25	Candidate Oath - Nonpartisan Office
CE Form 1	Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests - 2011; along with any other forms, if applicable. The form will be available after January 1, 2012, in the Florida Commission on Ethics website.
Campaign Reporting	
DS-DE 12	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
DS-DE 13	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
DS-DE 14	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
DS-DE 94	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
DS-DE 87	Waiver of Report
DS-DE 86	Request for Return of Contributions
DS-DE 2	Contributions Returned
Termination Reports	
DS-DE 73	Campaign Loans Report
DS-DE 73A	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account	
DS-DE 48	Office Account Report
DS-DE 48A	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [2012 Reporting Dates for Campaign Treasurer's Reports](#)
- [2011 Election Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [2011 Soil and Water Conservation Laws of the State of Florida](#)
- [Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Handbook](#)
- [2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [Candidate Petition Handbook](#)
- [Year on Ballot and Terms of Offices](#)
- [2012 List of Offices to be Elected](#)