

Brevard races are on: Qualifying closes

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Florida Rep. Ritch Workman and two Canaveral Port Authority commissioners — Jerry Allender and Tom Weinberg — won re-election at noon Friday, when no one qualified to run against them.



The candidate filing period ends with some races with no opponents and others with many. The largest number of candidates in Brevard County elections this year are in the County Commission races. Posted June 20, 2014.

In addition, two incumbent Brevard School Board members — Michael Krupp in District 1 and Barbara Murray in District 2 — will not be serving after this year, as they did not file paperwork to run for re-election.

But there will be lots of other candidates on the ballot for the Aug. 26 primary and the Nov. 4 general election.

Three incumbent Republican state legislators from Brevard County will face Republican challengers in primaries — Sen. Thad Altman, Rep. Tom Goodson and Rep. John Tobia. In Altman and Goodson's cases, there are no Democratic challengers, so the primary will, in effect, decide the election, although the primary winner in Altman's district will have a write-in opponent in November.

The largest number of candidates in Brevard County elections this year are in the County Commission races, where incumbent Republicans Chuck Nelson in District 2 and Mary Bolin Lewis in District 4 cannot seek re-election because of term limits.

In County Commission District 4, there will be seven candidates in a Republican primary, with the winner facing Democratic and Libertarian candidates in the general election. In addition, five other candidates at one time announced they were interested in seeking that office, but they later withdrew.

In County Commission District 2, there will be four candidates in a Republican primary, with the winner facing a Libertarian candidate and a candidate running without party affiliation in the general election.

Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott said "open seats tend to draw more candidates because you're not challenging an incumbent. The slate is even for everybody at this point."

She added, though, that having this many candidates in a local election is unusual.

The non-partisan school board elections, which take place in August, will be packed as well. There are two candidates in District 1; three candidates in District 2; and four candidates in District 5, including incumbent Andy Ziegler. If no candidate gets a majority of the votes, the top two vote-getters square off in the November election.

Only one of the three incumbent Canaveral Port Authority members up for re-election this year — Frank Sullivan — has a challenger in the Republican primary. The winner of that primary will face a write-in candidate in the general election.

Candidates for Congress and judgeships had qualifying periods that ended last month.

Brevard voters also will see Democratic and Republican primaries for governor on the Aug. 26 ballot. Gov. Rick Scott is the favorite in the GOP primary, while former Gov. Charlie Crist and former state legislator Nan Rich are the most well-known candidates in the Democratic primary.

The other Florida cabinet members — Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam — also qualified to run for re-election this year. They have no primary challengers.

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Brevard candidates

Congress, District 8

Republican: Bill Posey (i)

Democrat: Gabriel Rothblatt

Write-in: Christopher L. Duncan Jr.

State Senate, District 16

Republican: Thad Altman (i); Monique Miller

Write-in: Lloyd Stanton French

State House, District 50

Republican: George Collins; Tom Goodson (i)

State House, District 51

Republican: Steve Crisafulli (i)

Democrat: Joe Murray

State House, District 53

Republican: Tim Street, John Tobia (i)

Democrat: Santa Isabel Wright

No Party Affiliation: David A. Kearns

Write-in: Kourtney Ann Waldron

County Commission, District 2

Republican: Jim Barfield, Michael Hartman, Chuck Sheridan, Ron Taylor

Libertarian: John Jude McCurry

No Party Affiliation: Jack Felix Smink

County Commission, District 4

Republican: David W. Armstrong, Richard Charbonneau, Gregory K. Jones, Bill Klein, Richard Lacey, Curtis L. Smith, Frank Zilaitis

Democrat: Mike W. McCarty

Libertarian: George Lebovitz

Canaveral Port Authority, District 3

Republican: Wayne Edward Justice, Frank Sullivan (i)

Write-In: Mark Anthony Rieman

School Board, District 1

Misty L. Bedford, Paul A. Chinaris

School Board, District 2

John W. Craig, Robert A. Mentillo, Keith Yarbrough

School Board, District 5

Denise Coyle, Dale D. Davis, Dean Paterakis, Andy Ziegler (i)

Circuit Court/Group 13

Samuel Bookhardt III, George T. Paulk, Christina Sanchez

Circuit Court/Group 14

Brooke Deratany Goldfarb, Robin Lemonidis

Circuit Court/Group 19

Donna M. Goerner, Mitch Krause, Susan Stacy

Circuit Court/Group 23

Maurice Arcadier, Nancy Maloney, John Moser

County Court/Group 3

Michelle Vitt Baker (i), Minerva Simpson

County Court/Group 8

Benjamin Garagozlo (i), Oscar Hotusing

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