Political Party Nomination for Justice of the Peace (17 V.S.A. § 2413)

VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION, November 3, 2026

This form is due in the Town or City Clerk's Office no later than MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026.

The _____ met on _____, 2026 and
(name of committee) (date)

nominated the following persons to be candidates of the _____
(Political Party)

for the office of Justice of the Peace:

Name of Candidate	Town of Residence

Notice of the meeting was properly given in compliance with all requirements of 17 V.S.A. § 2413 and the procedures required by 17 V.S.A. § 2413 were followed. ***A copy of the letter providing notice of the meeting is attached to this form.***

We swear under oath that we have complied with the above provisions of law and that the statements we have made in this document are true.

Sworn to before me

_____ _____
Notary Public Signature of Chair

_____ _____
Date Signature of Secretary

My license expires on _____ License number_____

INFORMATION FOR PARTY NOMINATION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

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WHEN TO MEET: 17 V.S.A. §2413(a)(1)

The party members in each town may meet in caucus on or before July 20th and nominate candidates for justice of the peace.

WHEN TO FILE: 17 V.S.A. §2413(e)

A copy of the notice and the nomination form must be filed by **5:00 p.m. MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026**

Note: Under Vermont law, "filed" means "deposited in the regularly maintained office of the official with whom the filing is to be made." 17 V.S.A. § 2103(13)

WHERE TO FILE: 17 V.S.A. §2387

All justice of the peace nominations must be filed with the town clerk.

NO CONSENT FORM REQUIRED: 17 V.S.A. §2385(d)

Justice of the peace candidates are not required to file a consent of candidate form.

NOMINATION BY TOWN PARTY CAUCUS; NOTICE: 17 V.S.A. §2413(a)(1) and (2)

Notice of a political party caucus to nominate justice of the peace candidates must be posted in the town clerk's office and in two other public places in town at least five days prior to the caucus. In addition, in towns with over 3,000 registered voters the notice must be posted at least one day prior to the caucus in a newspaper of general circulation within the town or on a nonpartisan electronic news media website that specializes in news of the State or the community, and on the town's website if it is updated on a regular basis.

NOMINATION BY TOWN PARTY COMMITTEE MEETING: 17 V.S.A. §2413(b)

If a caucus is not held, a political party can call a meeting to nominate justice of the peace candidates by providing notice at least 3 days prior to the meeting to all members of the committee, by email or mail. Notice must also be posted at least three days prior to the meeting in the town clerk's office, and in two other public places in town.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please visit our website at https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/ or call the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State at (800) 439-8683 (toll-free within VT) or (802) 828-2363

NOMINATION IN TOWNS WHERE A PARTY HAS NOT FORMALLY ORGANIZED: 17 V.S.A. §2413(c)

In any town in which a political party has not formally organized, any three members of the party who are voters in the town may call a caucus to nominate candidates for justice of the peace. Notice of the caucus must be given in the same manner as the notice required for a party caucus in a town that has an organized party (see above). Upon meeting, the caucus shall first elect a chair and a secretary. Thereafter the caucus shall nominate its candidates for justice of the peace.