

2012 Primary Election Ballot Access for County Candidates

There are three ways for candidates to gain access to the 2012 Primary Election Ballot.

1. Each Major Political Party will nominate one candidate by Assembly. C.R.S. 1-4-701
2. Any Candidate may be nominated by petition. The petition shall require signers equal in number to twenty percent of the votes cast in the political subdivision at the contested or uncontested primary election for the political party's candidate for the office for which the petition is being circulated or, if there was no primary election, at the last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office. See chart below for the number of signatures required for each County Office. C.R.S. 1-4-801
3. A person who wishes to be a write-in candidate for an office in an election shall file an affidavit of intent stating that he or she desires the office and is qualified to assume its duties if elected. For a county office the affidavit must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder. C.R.S. 1-4-1101

Democrat – CD1

A Democrat interested in gaining ballot access via petition for Commissioner District 1 must collect **968** valid signatures (total # of votes cast for the democratic candidate in the 2008 Primary $4840 \times 20\% = 968$)

Democrat - CD2

A Democrat interested in gaining ballot access via petition for Commissioner District 2 must collect **576** valid signatures (total # of votes cast for the democratic candidate in the 2008 Primary $2877 \times 20\% = 576$)

Republican - CD1

A Republican interested in gaining ballot access via petition for Commissioner District 1 must collect **5,160** valid signatures (total # of votes cast for the republican candidate in the 2004 General $25,797 \times 20\% = 5,160^*$ there was no republican candidate in the 2008 Primary)

Republican – CD2

A Republican interested in gaining ballot access via petition for Commissioner District 2 must collect **565** valid signatures (total # of votes cast for the republican candidate in the 2008 Primary $2823 \times 20\% = 565$)