

## **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Anyone seeking to hold office must meet certain qualifications. While there are minimum requirements that apply to every office, some offices may require additional qualifications. Candidates are responsible for determining whether or not they are eligible to hold public office. The Elections Department will provide information regarding the qualifications to hold specific offices to interested individuals and will verify the candidates' qualifications to the best of our ability.

### ***General Qualifications to Run for and Hold Public Office:***

#### Age/Citizenship

A person is incapable of holding a civil office if at the time of his/her election or appointment he/she is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. [Gov. Code Sec. 1020]

#### Registered Voter/District Resident

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. [Election Code Sec. 201]

Following this page are additional specific qualifications for individual offices as prescribed by law.

## **QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO OFFICE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE**

### ***California Constitution Article 6 Judicial Sec. 15***

A person is ineligible to be a judge of a court of record unless for 10 years immediately preceding selection, the person has been a member of the State bar or served as a judge of a court of record in this state.