FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

(See instructions for preparation on back)

Is this an amendment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that
(Candidate's name)

I am a candidate for the office of _____
(Official name of office - **Include district, branch or seat number)**

representing _____
(Name of political party or statement of principle - five words or less)

and I meet or will meet at the time I assume office the applicable age, citizenship, residency and voting qualification requirements, if any, prescribed by the constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, and that I will otherwise qualify for office, if nominated and elected.

I have not been convicted of a felony in any court within the United States for which I have not been pardoned.[1]

My present municipality of residence for voting purposes is:

_____
(Candidate's address for voting purposes - **Include the number, street, and municipality where the candidate resides.)**

My name as I wish it to appear on the official ballot is as follows:

_____
(Any combination of first name, middle name or initials with surname. A nickname may replace a legal name.)

_____
(Signature of candidate)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
County of _____)
(County of notarization)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

_____
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

NOTARY SEAL NOT REQUIRED

My commission expires _____ or ☐ is permanent.

☐ Notary Public or _____
(Official title if not a notary)

GAB-162 (Rev. 7/2009) The information on this form is required by §8.21, Stats., Art. XIII, Sec. 3, Wis. Const., and must be filed with the filing officer in order to have a candidate's name placed on the ballot. §§8.05 (1)(j), 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.17 (2), 8.20 (6), 120.06 (6)(b), Wis. Stats.

This form is prescribed by the **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD**, 212 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 7984, Madison, WI 53707-7984

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1 A 1996 constitutional amendment bars any candidate convicted of a misdemeanor which violates the public trust from running for or holding a public office. However, the legislature has not defined which misdemeanors violate the public trust. A candidate convicted of any misdemeanor is not barred from running for or holding a public office until the legislature defines which misdemeanors apply.

Instructions for Completing the Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates seeking ballot status for election to any office in the State of Wisconsin must properly complete and file a ***Declaration of Candidacy***. This form must be **ON FILE** with the proper filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers or the candidate's name will not appear on the ballot. A facsimile will be accepted if the FAX copy is received by the filing officer no later than the filing deadline **and** the signed original declaration is received by the filing officer with a postmark no later than the filing deadline.

***Information to be provided by the candidate*:**

- Type or print your name on the first line.
- The title of the office and **any district, branch, or seat number** for which you are seeking election must be inserted on the second line. *For legislative offices insert the title and district number, for district attorneys insert the title and the county, for circuit court offices insert the title, county and branch number, and for municipal and school board offices insert the title and any district or seat number.*
- Type or print the political party affiliation or principle supported by you in five words or less on the third line. *Nonpartisan candidates may leave this line blank.*
- **Felony convictions: Your name cannot appear on the ballot if you have been convicted of a felony in any court in the United States for which you have not been pardoned. Please see footnote on page 1 for further information with respect to convictions for misdemeanors involving a violation of public trust.** ***These restrictions only apply to candidates for state and local office.***
- Your current municipality of residence for voting purposes must be inserted on the fourth line. This must include the street and number, or post office address, and **the name of the municipality of residence** (town, village, or city). If your address changes before the election, an amended Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the filing officer. s.8.21, Stats. *Federal candidates do not have to provide this information.*
- Type or print your name on the fifth line as you want it to be printed on the official ballot. You may use your full legal name, or any combination of first name, middle name, and initials, or nickname with last name.

  The Government Accountability Board has determined that, absent any evidence of an attempt to manipulate the electoral process, candidates are permitted to choose any form of their name, including nicknames, by which they want to appear on the ballot.

  No titles are permitted. In addition, names such as "Red" or "Skip" are permitted, but names which have an apparent electoral purpose or benefit, such as "Lower taxes," "None of the above" or "Lower Spending" are not permitted. It is also not permissible to add nicknames in quotes or parentheses between first and last names. For example, John "Jack" Jones or John (Jack) Jones are not acceptable, but John Jones, Jack Jones or John Jack Jones are acceptable.

This form must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths, such as a county or municipal clerk.

***Information to be provided by the person administering the oath*:**

- The county of notarization.
- The date the Declaration of Candidacy was signed and the oath administered.
- The signature and title of the person administering the oath. If signed by a notary public, the date the notary's commission expires must be listed. *The notary seal is not required.*

All candidates for offices using the nomination paper process and all school district candidates must file this form with the appropriate filing officer no later than the deadline for filing nomination papers. §§ 8.10 (5), 8.15 (4)(b), 8.17 (2), 8.20 (6), 8.50 (3)(a), 120.06 (6)(b), Wis. Stats.

Candidates nominated for local office at a caucus must file this form with their municipal clerk within 5 days of receiving notice of nomination. § 8.05 (l)(j), Wis. Stats.