

# **QUALIFICATIONS ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS**

*Elections Code § 13 & 13.5 Government Code § 24000 & 24001*

## **ASSESSOR-COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued.

(1) No person shall exercise the powers and duties of the office of assessor unless he or she holds a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 670) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a duly elected or appointed person may exercise the powers and duties of assessor, for a period not to exceed one year, if he or she acquires a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board of Equalization within 30 days of election or appointment.

(3) This section shall not apply to any person holding the office of assessor on January 1, 1997.

*Government Code § 24002.5*

## **AUDITOR**

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) The person possesses a valid certificate issued by the California State Board of Accountancy under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code showing the person to be, and a permit authorizing the person to practice as a certified public accountant or as a public accountant;

(2) The person possesses a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university, college, or other four-year institution, with a major in accounting or its equivalent, as described in subdivision (a) of Section 5081.1 of the Business and Professions Code;

(3) The person possesses a certificate issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors showing the person to be a designated professional internal auditor, with a minimum of sixteen (16) college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance;

(4) The person has served as county auditor, chief deputy county auditor, or chief assistant county auditor for a continuous period of not less than three years.

These qualifications are in effect only if the Board of Supervisors, by unanimous vote, enacts an ordinance adopting these provisions. Ordinance may be repealed at any time. Continuing education required if elected.

*Government Code § 26945-26946, Merced County Ordinance 2.16.010*

## **COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Must also possess a valid credential from the State Board of Education and possess a valid certification document authorizing administrative services or valid elementary or secondary administrative credentials.

*Education Code § 1205-1208*

## **COUNTY SUPERVISOR**

A registered voter within the county supervisorial district in which the person seeks to represent for at least 30 days immediately preceding the deadline for filing nomination documents for the office of supervisor, and shall reside in the district during their incumbency.

*Government Code § 25041*

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Must be admitted to practice in the State Supreme Court.

*Government Code § 24002*

## SHERIFF/CORONER

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) an active or inactive advanced certificate issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training;
- (2) one year of full-time, salaried law enforcement experience within the provisions of Section 830.1 or 830.2 of the Penal Code at least a portion of which shall have been accomplished within five years prior to the date of filing, and possesses a master's degree from an accredited college or university;
- (3) two years experience and possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
- (4) three years experience and possess an associate in arts or associate in science degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited college;
- (5) four years experience and possess a high school diploma or the equivalent. All persons holding the office of sheriff on Jan.1, 1989 shall be deemed to have met all qualifications required for sheriff.

*Government Code § 24004.3*

## SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

A registered voter at the time Nomination Papers are issued. 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.

*California Constitution Article VI § 15*

## TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

A registered voter of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised at the time Nomination Papers are issued. Must also meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) served in a senior financial management position in a county, city, or other public agency dealing with similar financial responsibilities for a continuous period of not less than three years, including, but not limited to, treasurer, tax collector, auditor, auditor-controller, or the chief deputy or an assistant in those offices;
- (2) possess a valid baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in any of the following major fields of study: business administration, public administration, economics, finance, accounting, or a related field, with a minimum of 16 college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance;
- (3) possess a valid certificate issued by the California Board of Accountancy pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, showing that person to be, and a permit authorizing that person to practice as, a certified public accountant;
- (4) possess a valid charter issued by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts showing the person to be designated a Chartered Financial Analyst, with a minimum of 16 college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance;
- (5) possess a valid certificate issued by the Treasury Management Association showing the person to be designated a Certified Cash Manager, with a minimum of 16 college semester units, or their equivalent, in accounting, auditing, or finance.

These qualifications are in effect only if the Board of Supervisors, by unanimous vote, enacts an ordinance adopting these provisions. Ordinance may be repealed at any time. Continuing education required if elected.

*Government Code § 27000.6, 27000.7, 27000.8, Merced County Ordinance 1587*

## **QUALIFICATIONS ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS**

Qualifications for State Offices can be found on Secretary of State website at the link below:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/statewide-elections/2014-primary/qualifications.htm>

Qualifications are also available upon request in the Registrar of Voters office.