

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICE**

Office	Minimum Age	Residency Requirement	Registered	Term Of Office	Number Consecutive Terms	Special Qualifications/Notes
Council	18	Must be a resident of the county And/or district at the time of the election	Yes	2/4 Years	Indefinite	Term is for 2 years in the following counties: Anderson, Beaufort, Edgefield, Greenwood, Orangeburg, and York
Treasurer	18	Must be a resident of the county At the time of the election	Yes	4 years	Indefinite	Treasurer is appointed in the following counties: Greenwood & York
Auditor	18	Must be a resident of the county At the time of the election	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	Auditor is appointed in the following counties: Greenwood & York
Clerk of Court	18	Must be a resident of the county At the time of the election	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	
Coroner	21	Must be a resident of the county For at least 1 year immediately Preceding the date of the Election. Must be a US citizen.	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	Other qualifications apply
Probate Judge	18	Must be a resident of the county At the time of the election	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	
Sheriff	21	Must be a resident of the county At least 1 year immediately Preceding the date of the Election. Must be a US citizen.	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	**See below for complete qualifications
Register of Deeds	18	Must be a resident of the county At the time of the election	Yes	4 Years	Indefinite	
School Board/Board Of Education	18	Must be a resident of the county/ district at the time of the election	Yes	2/3/4 Years	Indefinite	Contact the SC School Board Association for more information
Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners	18	Must be a resident of the county/ district a the time of the election	Yes	4 Years	Indifinite	

**\*\*Candidates for Sheriff must meet the following qualifications:** a) Have a High School Diploma & 5 years experience as a certified law officer; or 2 year Associate Degree & 3 years experience as a certified law enforcement officer; or 4 year Bachelors Degree & 1 year experience as a certified law enforcement officer; or served as a summary court judge for at least 10 years. Must not have pled guilty or been convicted of a felony in this state or in any other state or pled guilty or been convicted of driving under suspension of a license or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol within the past 10 years. Candidates must be fingerprinted and have SLED make a search of local, state, and federal fingerprint files for any criminal record. Fingerprints are to be taken under the direction of any law enforcement agency and must be made available to SLED no later than 130 days prior to the general election. The results are to be filed with the county executive committee of the person's political party and the person must file the results with the county election commission in the county of his residence. Candidates must file a sworn affidavit containing certain information and affirming that the person meets all qualifications as required. Affidavits can be obtained from political parties or the local county election commission.

Candidates are required to complete all paperwork prior to having their name placed on the ballot.

Candidates are reminded to contact either the State Ethics Commission or the Federal Election Commission for campaign contribution limitations and regulations.

The State Election Commission maintains a current list of all registered voters in South Carolina. If you are interested in purchasing a partial or complete list of registered voters, please contact the State Election Commission for prices and format availability.

All candidates for public office must be a registered voter. Anyone wishing to register to vote can apply in person at the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office or download a form at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org) that can be mailed in.

Please feel free to contact the State Election Commission if you have any further questions regarding the election process.

QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR  
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PUBLIC  
OFFICE

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