

OATH OF OFFICE FILING GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

Every person elected to the office of judge, before entering upon the duties of office, shall take and subscribe to the oath and file the same with the appropriate office as determined by statute.

Such oath may be taken and subscribed before any justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of any court of record, the secretary of state, the attorney general, any mayor of a city, the clerk of any court of record, or a notary public.

Below are the statutes that govern how to complete the filing of the Oath of Office.

Supreme Court Justices (MCL 168.400)

- 1) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the Secretary of State

Court of Appeals Judges (MCL 168.409h)

- 1) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the Secretary of State

Circuit Court Judges (MCL 168.420)

- 1) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the Secretary of State
- 2) Copy filed with each county clerk in the judge's circuit

District Court Judges (MCL 168.467j)

- 1) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the Secretary of State
- 2) Copy filed with each county clerk in the judge's district

Probate Court Judges (MCL 168.440 and 600.812)

- 1) Probate court (not probate district)
 - A) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the county clerk in the judge's probate county
- 2) Probate district
 - A) Original Oath of Office must be filed with the Secretary of State
 - B) Copy filed with each county clerk in the judge's probate district

In-Person & Overnight Delivery:

Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
430 West Allegan Street
1st Floor
Lansing, MI 48933

US Mail:

Michigan Department of State
Office of the Great Seal
7064 Crowner Drive
Lansing, MI 48918

Oaths may be emailed to the SOS at Elections@michigan.gov, **but the original must also be mailed.**

(888) SOS-MICH

****Please send a copy of your oath to your regional office.**