

HB 2416 -- RESIDENCY OF CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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Currently, candidates for Congressional office must be an inhabitant of the State in which they choose to run, but need not be a resident of the district in which they choose to run.

Beginning with the 2026 Federal elections and all elections thereafter, this bill establishes residency requirements for candidates for Congressional office.

In a Congressional district whose boundaries have been unaltered in the 24 months before an election, an individual must maintain their legal domicile for the purposes of voter registration and taxation within that district for a period of 12 months prior to the election in order to qualify as a candidate.

In a Congressional district whose boundaries have been altered in the 24 months before an election, an individual must maintain their legal domicile for a period of at least three months before the election in order to qualify as a candidate.

An individual shall certify their residency when filing a declaration of candidacy. A candidate who makes a false statement about their residency shall be guilty of a class one election offense.

The Secretary of State shall verify the residency of any Congressional candidate within 60 days after the filing deadline in order for that person's name to appear on the ballot.

This bill is the same as HB 1299 (2023).