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**2026 NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION  
Otter Tail County, Minnesota**

The following is the notice of federal and state offices that will be voted for at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The filing period for United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, Judge of the District Court and County Officials begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, Veterans Services Building, 20 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN 55155. The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. Otter Tail County candidates may file at the Government Services Building, Treasurer/Elections office, 510 W Fir Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33 and is based on current law.

**FEDERAL OFFICES**

**United States Senator** (1)

**United States Representative** (One office per district)

District        7

**STATE OFFICES**

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICES**

**State Senator** (One office per district)

District        9

**State Representative** (One office per district)

District 9A

District 9B

**STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

**Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

**Secretary of State**

**State Auditor**

**Attorney General**

**JUDICIAL OFFICES**

Candidates for judicial office may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A Candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

**Supreme Court**

**Associate Justice** (Three Seats)

| <u>Seat #</u> | <u>Incumbent:</u>       |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1             | (Sarah E. Hennesy)      |
| 2             | (Theodora Karin Gaïtas) |
| 4             | (Paul C. Thissen)       |

**Court of Appeals** (Five Seats)

Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for at least one year.

| <u>Seat #</u>                               | <u>Incumbent:</u>      |
|---|------------------------|
| 1   | (Elizabeth G. Bentley) |
| 7 (5 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  | (Rachel Bond)          |
| 13  | (Jeanne M. Cochran)    |
| 15 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional District) | (Kevin G. Ross)        |
| 18  | (JaPaul Harris)        |

**District Courts**

**Seventh Judicial District: (15 Seats)**

| <u>Seat #</u> | <u>Incumbent:</u>        |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| 2             | (Michael D. Leeser)      |
| 8             | (Matthew E. Engelking)   |
| 9             | (Michelle Winkis Lawson) |
| 11            | (Andrew Pearson)         |
| 12            | (Kevin M. Miller)        |
| 13            | (Michelle L. Clark)      |
| 14            | (Meriel Lester)          |
| 15            | (Carl Ole Tvedten)       |
| 21            | (Robert J. Raupp)        |
| 22            | (Douglas B. Clark)       |
| 24            | (Karl Schmidt)           |
| 26            | (Mark J. Herzing)        |
| 27            | (Tammy L. Merkins)       |
| 28            | (Antoinette C. Wetzel)   |
| 30            | (Jade M. Rosenfeldt)     |

**COUNTY OFFICES**

**County Commissioner** (One per District)

District 2

District 4

**County Sheriff**

**County Attorney**

**Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor West** (One per District)

District 1

District 2

**Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor East** (One per District)

District 2

District 3