State of West Virginia

CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2026 ELECTIONS

Important: This form must be completed in full to be accepted.
Please read all the instructions on page 2 carefully.

1. **Date of Election:** ☑ Primary - May 12, 2026 ☐ General - November 3, 2026 ☐ Unexpired Term
2. **Name of Office Sought:** Putnam County Republican Executive Committee
3. **District / County / Circuit / Division / Gender:** District 1 / Putnam County / Male
   (List all applicable for office sought; executive committee candidates must include gender)
4. **Candidate's Legal Name:** Mark Edward Higginbotham
   (First, middle, and last name)
5. **Candidate's Name to appear on Ballot:** Mark Higginbotham
   (Limited to 25 characters)
6. **I am a Current Resident and Legally Qualified, Registered Voter of the County of:** Putnam
   6.a. Magisterial District: 1
   (County Commission and Board of Education candidates)
7. **Current Legal Residence Address:** 204 Hemlock Street
   (Do not enter a P.O. Box) Eleanor, WV
8. **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 2
   (If different from residence address) Eleanor, WV 25070

Email Address: mhigginb76@gmail.com
(For public use)

Campaign Phone: _____
(For public use)

Campaign Committee Name: _____
(If applicable)

Daytime Phone: 304 206-1168
(For public use)

Campaign Website: _____

9. **For Partisan Elections only:** I am a member of and Affiliated with the Republican Political Party. By filling out this space, I hereby certify and attest that I am a member of and affiliated with this political party as evidenced by my current voter's registration, and I have not been registered as a member of another political party within sixty (60) days of this date, pursuant to W. Va. Code §3-5-7(d)(6).
10. **For candidates for County Board of Education:** I swear and affirm that I have not been convicted of an offense under §61-8A-1 et seq., §61-8B-1 et seq., or §61-8C-1 et seq. of this code in which the victim was a minor.

I swear and affirm that I am a candidate for this office in good faith, meet all constitutional and statutory qualifications to seek and hold the office sought, am eligible and qualified to hold this office, and that the information provided on this form is true.

Mark Higginbotham
Candidate's Signature (Must be notarized)

1-12-2026
Date

[Notary Public Use Only]

State of WV, County of Putnam

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12th day of Jan., 2026

Marcia L Fewell
Signature of Notary Public or official authorized to give oaths.

OFFICIAL SEAL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Marcia L Fewell
Putnam County Clerks Office
12093 Winfield Road
Winfield WV 25213
My Commission Expires November 17, 2028