

Chapter 307 of the laws of 2017 is effective December 1, 2017. The promulgation of rules and regulations by the State Board of Elections must be completed by June 1, 2018.

Part 6215 is amended as follows; a new paragraph five is added to subdivision a of 6215.2;

§ 6215.2 Cover Sheets

(a) A cover sheet shall contain the following information:

(5) Where a designating or independent nominating petition involves the office of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state comptroller, member of the state senate or member of the state assembly, the cover sheet shall contain a place for the optional designation of the official campaign website address information for posting on the State Board of Elections' website pursuant to Election Law Section 4-123. Any board of elections receiving such cover sheet or a separate written notification pursuant to paragraph (b) of part 6215.9 of these regulations, other than the State Board of Elections, shall transmit a copy of such cover sheet or separate written notification to the State Board of Elections within three business days of its filing and such website addresses shall be posted by the state board on its website as soon as practicable.

6215.8 is amended to read as indicated:

6215.8 Form of Cover Sheet

Sample Cover Sheet Designating and Independent Petitions

[Place Name of Party or Independent Body here]

Name of Candidate	Residence Address <small>(Also mailing address if different)</small>	Public Office or Party Position <small>(Include district number where appropriate)</small>

Volume Number	
Total Number of Volumes in Petition	

The petition contains the number, or in excess of the number, of valid signatures required by Election Law.

Contact Person to Correct Deficiencies:

Name _____
(Please print)

Residence Address _____
(Also mailing address if different)

Phone _____ Fax _____
(Include if notice by fax desired)

Email _____
(Include if notice by email desired)

I hereby authorize that any notice of any determination made by the Board of Elections be transmitted to the person named above.

Optional: For candidates for statewide office, Member of Assembly or State Senator only

The following website address is submitted to be published on the state board of elections website pursuant to Election Law § 4-123 for the candidate listed opposite:

Name of Candidate	Website Address

Signature of Candidate or Agent _____

Sample Cover Sheet
Designating and Independent Petitions
Filed in New York City and Counties Which Utilize
Petition Identification Numbering Systems

[Place Name of Party or Independent Body Here]

Name of Candidate	Residence Address <small>(Use mailing address if different)</small>	Public Office or Party Position <small>(Include district number where appropriate)</small>

Total Number of Volumes in Petition	
Identification Numbers	

The petition contains the number, or in excess of the number, of valid signatures required by Election Law.

Contact Person to Correct Deficiencies:

Name _____
(Please print)

Residence Address _____
(Use mailing address if different)

Phone _____ **Fax** _____
(Include if notice by first-class)

Email _____
(Include if notice by email desired)

I hereby authorize that any notice of any determination made by the Board of Elections be transmitted to the person named above.

Optional: For candidates for statewide office, Member of Assembly or State Senator only
 The following website address is submitted to be published on the state board of elections website pursuant to Election Law § 4-23 for the candidate listed opposite:

Name of Candidate	Website Address

 Signature of Candidate or Agent

A new section 6215.9 is added to read as follows:

§ 6215.9 Publication of candidate websites.

- a) Candidates for the State offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state comptroller, member of state senate and member of state assembly may have their campaign related website(s) address published on the state board of elections website.
- b) Such candidates may notify the state board of elections of his or her website address on the candidate's petition cover sheet or in a separate written notification signed by the candidate. A written notification must state the office sought, district as applicable, candidate first name, candidate last name, candidate's party designation(s), and the candidate's campaign related website address. Any writing that reasonably sets forth the information above so that the writing can be matched with a petition or certificate of nomination filed for such office shall be accepted by the state board of elections as sufficient.
- c) The state board of elections shall display on its website a list of candidates' campaign related website addresses accompanied with a disclaimer stating, *"The website addresses published here are designated by the candidate. The state board of elections is not responsible for and expresses no opinion as to the content of candidate websites."* The state board shall display the

following information: State office sought, district as applicable, candidate first name, candidate last name, candidate party designation(s), and candidate designated campaign related website address.

d) If a candidate does not identify a campaign related website address for publication, such candidate shall be listed with a label indicating “no website address provided for publication.” The state board shall not publish any website address found to be unrelated to a candidacy for New York State public office. This facial determination shall be made unanimously by the co-executive directors or their designees, and any determination to not publish a website address shall be forthwith mailed or emailed to the candidate or the candidate’s agent. Any denial to publish a campaign related website address pursuant to this paragraph shall be reviewed only in a special proceeding brought by the candidate pursuant to Article seventy-eight of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

e) The state board shall post such candidate campaign related website information by Office. The order of the listing shall be: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Member of State Senate and Member of State Assembly. The Offices of State Senate and State Assembly shall be subcategorized by District number. Candidates

will then be listed pursuant to the provisions of Election Law Section 7-116(1). Candidates nominated by independent bodies shall be listed alphabetically by the independent body name thereafter. For primaries, candidates shall be listed alphabetically under that party's header.

- f) As soon as practicable, when it is finally determined that a candidate will no longer appear on the ballot, such candidate's campaign related website address shall be removed from the public list.
- g) For primary and general elections, candidate websites shall be listed as soon as practicable, but no later than one week after the earliest candidate certification date pursuant to Election Law Sections 4-110 or 4-112. Candidate's campaign related websites shall be removed after the general election or at such time after the primary election when the candidate will no longer appear on any ballot. For special elections, candidates will be listed for a timeframe to be determined by the Board.
- h) Candidate writings requesting the posting of campaign related website addresses shall be retained by the state board for two years.
- i) The state board shall not publish campaign related website(s) addresses on its website for individuals who are solely seeking to qualify for a party

nomination or election as a write-in candidate for the state offices outlined
in paragraph a of this section.