

118A.065 Disclosure of political party affiliation of candidate for nonpartisan judicial office. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) A candidate for judicial office may publicly disclose his or her political party affiliation, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Identifying himself or herself as a member of a political party;
 - (b) Stating current voter registration status or past or current party affiliation; and
 - (c) Communicating political values or viewpoints consistent with his or her party affiliation.
- (2) A candidate for judicial office shall not:
 - (a) Claim to be the official nominee of a political party for judicial office;
 - (b) Use language or materials that imply nomination, designation, or endorsement by a political party; or
 - (c) Use party symbols, slogans, or imagery in a manner that would mislead a reasonable person to believe the candidate is running in a partisan election or was selected by a political party to represent it.
- (3) This section shall not be construed to authorize partisan elections for judicial office or to permit political party nomination, designation, or ballot labeling of candidates for judicial office.

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