



Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge

This form must be filed with the appropriate election office by any candidate seeking a political party's nomination. All information on this form will be made available to the public at the time of filing. For more information, visit <https://scvotes.gov/candidates/>.

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| Name | John Hammond | | | Party | Republican |
| Office | Secretary of State | | | District | |
| Voter Reg. # | 422069770 | Primary or Convention Date | 06/09/2026 | Election Date | 11/03/2026 |
| Name on ballot may be any combination of a candidate's given name, derivative of the given name, or nickname. A derivative name or nickname must be used in good faith for honest purposes and may not imply professional or social status, an office, or military rank. A nickname may not exceed 15 letters. | | | | | |
| Name on Ballot | Mark Hammond | | | | |
| Name pronunciation, if necessary, for audio ballot (e.g., Jackson Gervais: jur-VAY) | | | | | |
| Candidate Contact Information (address not required to be residence address) | | | | | |
| Address | 1205 Pendleton St Suite 525 | City | Columbia | Zip | 29201 |
| Phone | 803-734-2156 | Email | markhammond864@gmail.com | | |
| Party Pledge (Party Pledge not applicable to designees for the Office of Lieutenant Governor) | | | | | |
| I hereby file my notice as a candidate for the nomination as <u>Secretary of State</u> (Office Name) in the primary election or convention to be held on <u>June 9th 2026</u> (Primary or Convention Date). I affiliate with the <u>Republican</u> (Party Name) Party, and I hereby pledge myself to abide by the results of the primary or convention. I shall not authorize my name to be placed on the general election ballot by petition and will not offer or campaign as a write-in candidate for this office or any other office for which the party has a nominee. I authorize the issuance of an injunction upon ex parte application by the party chairman, as provided by law, should I violate this pledge by offering or campaigning in the ensuing general election for election to this office or any other office for which a nominee has been elected in the party primary election, unless the nominee for the office has become deceased or otherwise disqualified for election in the ensuing general election. | | | | | |
| Candidate's Oath | | | | | |
| I hereby affirm that I meet, or will meet by the time of the general or special election, or as otherwise required by law, the qualifications for this office. | | | | | |
| Candidate Signature |  | | | Date | 3/16/26 |
| Candidate must sign in the presence of an Election Official or Notary Public. | | | | | |
| Election Official Signature |  | | | | |
| Date Received | 3/16/2026 | Time Received | 3:13 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEC <input type="checkbox"/> | County Board |
| For use if candidate signs in presence of Notary Public | | | | | |
| Name of Notary Public | | | | My Commission Expires | |
| Signature of Notary Public | | | | Date | |