

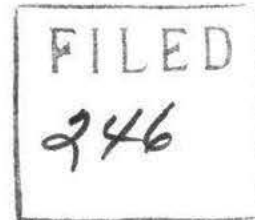
ELECTIONS:  
COMMITTEEMEN AND  
COMMITTEEWOMEN:

A person may file for election as a Committeeman or Committeewoman and also file an additional declaration of candidacy for another state or county office.

OPINION NO. 246

April 3, 1970

Honorable G. William Weier  
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*See Sec 115.357*

Dear Mr. Weier:

This is in response to your opinion request asking:

"May a qualified person file a declaration of candidacy for a township committeeman, or committeewoman, and an additional declaration of candidacy for another state or county office, prior to the same primary election."

The general election is fixed by both the Constitution and the statutes as the election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November in even numbered years, Article VIII, Section 1, Constitution of Missouri; Section 1.025 (3) RSMo 1959. Section 120.310 of Senate Bill 135 of the Seventy-Fifth General Assembly provides primary elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of August in even numbered years. By law, Committeemen and Committeewomen are chosen at the August primary election. See Section 120.770, et seq. RSMo 1959 and RSMo 1967 Supp. The first sentence of Section 120.370, Senate Bill 135, Seventy-Fifth General Assembly provides, "No person shall file a written declaration of candidacy for more than one office to be filled at the next general election, or under more than one party designation under which his name is to be printed on the official ballot."

Since Committeemen and Committeewomen are not chosen at the general election, there is no prohibition against a person filing a declaration of candidacy for the committee and a declaration of candidacy for another state or county office.

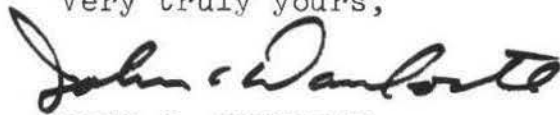
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CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of this office that a person may file for election as a Committeeman or Committeewoman and also file an additional declaration of candidacy for another state or county office.

The foregoing opinion which I hereby approve was prepared by my Assistant, Charles A. Blackmar.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John C. Danforth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

JOHN C. DANFORTH  
Attorney General