

**FEC FORM 2**  
**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

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1. (a) Name of Candidate (in full) <b>Gary L. Koniz</b>		FEC MAIL CENTER	
(b) Address (number and street) <b>9480 Princeton Square Blvd. S., #815</b>		2. Candidate's FEC Identification Number	
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b>		3. Is This Statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New OR Amended (A)	
4. Party Affiliation <b>NPA</b>	5. Office Sought <b>Representative</b>	6. State & District of Candidate <b>Florida, 4th CD</b>	

**DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2014 election(s).  
(year of election)

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the appropriate office listed in the instructions.

(a) Name of Committee (in full) <b>Koniz For Congress Campaign</b>
(b) Address (number and street) <b>9480 Princeton Square Blvd. S., #815</b>
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b>

**DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES**

(Including Joint Fundraising Representatives)

8. I hereby authorize the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

NOTE: This designation should be filed with the principal campaign committee.

(a) Name of Committee (in full)
(b) Address (number and street)
(c) City, State, and ZIP Code

I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Signature of Candidate <b>Gary L. Koniz</b>	Date <b>1/22/2013</b>
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NOTE: Submission of false, erroneous, or incomplete information may subject the person signing this Statement to penalties of 2 U.S.C. §437g.

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Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief.  
Bureau of Election Records.  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 ...

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Dear Ms. Bronson:

Can you let me know what specifically I have to do to have my name placed on the Active List for the U.S. House 4th CD FL for the 2014 Election? I have tried look it up in The Division Website but could not find it listed there.

I would also like to know, if you could possibly be of assistance, what Legislative Source Information you have pertaining to "how specifically" that the Florida Legislature came up with with the 4,616 Signature Petition Number for the 2014 Election, and when, of the time frame, that such a Class Discriminatory Decision against the Working Class was made? In the past election as you recall, the figure was 2,298, and bad enough to have to obtain and pay for at \$.10 a petition, "with overage" costs to figure in "rejects." The Division Of Elections is also not going to announce what the Qualifying Fees will be for Party Affiliation and No Party Affiliation until July of 2013. We are hoping to have both items reduced, the Petition Count (as if we have nothing better to do that stand around on street corners "begging petitions,") and the Qualifying Fees themselves to be reduced to sensible Working Class numbers, maybe \$350. or 350 Petitions. I have asked The Division politely for clarification on this to no response in the past.

Thank you so very much for your time expressed, as always.

Gary Holland (Gary.Holland@DOS.MyFlorida.com)

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To: gary.koniz@hotmail.com

Cc: Bronson, Kristi R., Chellman, Malcolm C., Boynton, John, Holland, Jerry

Dear Mr. Koniz:

I have been asked to respond to your email below, which you sent to Ms. Bronson, who is out of the office today.

First, the candidate petition numbers –

Section 99.095, Florida Statutes, provides that "a candidate must obtain the number of signatures of voters in the geographical area represented by the office sought equal to at least 1 percent of the total number of registered voters of that geographical areas, as shown by the compilation by the department for the immediately preceding general election."

- o The immediately preceding general election to the one being held in 2014 was the 2012 general election.

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- The total numbers of registered voters for the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the 2012 general election was 461,576 voters, as determined by the voter registration book closing numbers for the 2012 general election. (See book closing numbers at: [http://election.myflorida.com/voter-registration/statistics/pdf/2012/GEN2012\\_CountyPartyCongDist.pdf](http://election.myflorida.com/voter-registration/statistics/pdf/2012/GEN2012_CountyPartyCongDist.pdf).)
- One percent of 461,576 equals 4,615.76; thus, it would require 4,616 voters to sign the petitions in 2014.
- The reason for the difference in the number of signatures required in 2014 from that required in 2012 is another statutory provision: Section 99.09651, Florida Statutes, which provides that in a year of apportionment (which 2012 was), a candidate for representative to Congress need only obtain the number of signatures equal to one-third of 1 percent of the ideal population for the district of the office being sought. Subsection (2) of that statute defines the "ideal population" as being the total population of the state as shown in the most recent decennial census divided by the number of congressional districts in the state.

Second, the qualifying fee –

- Section 99.092(1), Florida Statutes, requires that the annual salary for qualifying purposes be the salary authorized for such office as of July 1 immediately preceding the qualifying for such office.
- Because qualifying will not occur until 2014, the salary must be based upon the July 1, 2013 salary authorized for the office being sought. Because that figure is unknown at present, we have to wait.

Lastly, to be placed on the Division's website as candidate for U.S. Representative –

- You should provide the Bureau of Election Records a copy of your FEC Form 2 – Statement of Candidacy, which you file with the Federal Election Commission, indicating you are a candidate for the U.S. House of Representative in Florida's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for 2014. The link to the FEC Form 2 is: <http://www.fec.gov/pdf/forms/fecfrm2.pdf>. FYI, here is a link to the FEC's Congressional Candidate Guide: <http://www.fec.gov/pdf/candgui.pdf>.

I trust you find the above information responsive to your inquiry.

Regards,

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**Assistant General Counsel**  
**Florida Department of State**  
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**Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250**  
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***Note: This response is provided for reference only and does not constitute a formal legal opinion or representation from the Department of State or the Division of Elections. As applied to a particular set of facts or circumstances, interested parties should refer to the Florida Statutes and applicable case law, and/or consult an attorney to represent their interests before drawing any legal conclusions or relying upon the information provided.***

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Dear Mr. Holland:

I am indeed grateful for information you provided me on the specified Florida Voting Laws I requested and do greatly respect your very intelligent presentation and stand in awe of the sophistication of your legal comprehension and resources. However, we are looking for the specific etymology (that is to say, the history in relation to the meaning of the word Democracy, as to what it conceivably stands for,) of these election laws, as requested, as to the references of:

when these laws were introduced into law, of what year?

and by whom and to what reasoning?

as to why, (that is to say, for what reasons provided,) that these laws are set to the figures that they are, and i.e. 10% and 6% of the annual federal salary for the stated fees demanded in the State of Florida, and 1% of the Registered Voters of a Congressional District for the Petition Signatures, as to how this was arrived at?

\$10,440 for the Party Affiliation  
\$6,960 for the No Party Affiliation  
or 4,616 Petition Signatures

and what was the margin passed in both Houses?

**We would also like to know to "what purposes" that the Fees demanded for PA and NPA are used for, (as to where this money goes?)**

and why (in your estimation) that the sums cannot be set to a more reasonable and sensible number as we discussed To Eliminate any Unfair Monetary Disadvantage (Class Discrimination,) in the Election System, to set accordingly to 350 Petitions or \$350, or other suitable figures, for The Federal Offices of U.S. House of Representatives and so forth?

1) The State of Florida in collusion with the RNC and DNC assess excessive filing fees to party candidates with the intention to exclude/discriminate against individuals with modest financial resources. The State of Florida requires a partisan filing fee of \$10,440 to be qualified as a "Partisan" candidate for U.S. House and U.S. Senate. Florida's fees are excessive when compared to fees assessed by other states for the same public offices:

- a) Ohio \$150
- b) Pennsylvania \$150
- c) Mississippi \$200
- d) Kentucky \$500
- e) Florida \$10,440

Note – This is symbolic of Florida's discriminatory election filing fees practices.

2) Candidates who are not chosen as the preferred candidate by their party establishment are

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discriminated against and denied equal rights to seek public office by being banned from debates and not being recognized/acknowledged by the party.

3) Creates an excessive financial hardship and disadvantage for citizens qualified to seek public office. Thus, violating the guaranteed rights of citizens to equitably seek public office. The Ballot Box Establishment is able to pool funds to benefit their selected candidates.

## **Florida Statutes > Chapter 106 - Campaign Financing**

**106.31 Legislative intent.—**The Legislature finds that the costs of running an effective campaign for statewide office have reached a level which tends to discourage persons from becoming candidates and to limit the persons who run for such office to those who are independently wealthy, who are supported by political committees representing special interests which are able to generate substantial campaign contributions, or who must appeal to special interest groups for campaign contributions. The Legislature further finds that campaign contributions generated by such political committees are having a disproportionate impact vis-a-vis contributions from unaffiliated individuals, which leads to the misperception of government officials unduly influenced by those special interests to the detriment of the public interest. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the purpose of public campaign financing is to make candidates more responsive to the voters of the State of Florida and as insulated as possible from special interest groups. The Legislature intends ss. 106.30-106.36 to alleviate these factors, dispel the misperception, and encourage qualified persons to seek statewide elective office who would not, or could not otherwise do so and to protect the effective competition by a candidate who uses public funding.

Thank you once again for granting us with an Interview.

With Sincere Appreciation

Gary L. Koniz

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<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/money101/lesson18/index4.htm>

Here is the link to your free eBook *The Democratic Labor Party Platform 2012* (ID #11647902):

<http://www.lulu.com/content/e-book/the-democratic-labor-party-platform-2012/11647902>

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