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CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES

Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill today announced that candidate qualifying for State Attorney, Public Defender, and Judicial Offices for the 2012 election cycle begins Noon, Monday, April 16, 2012, and ends Noon, Friday, April 20, 2012.

Candidates for <u>Federal Office and Circuit-Level Judicial</u> <u>Office</u> qualify with the Division of Elections, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0250. Contact (850) 245-6200, or visit their website at http://election.dos.state.fl.us for more information.

Qualifying for all other candidates – local, county, multicounty, statewide, district & non-partisan candidates (including write-in candidates) – will begin Noon, Monday, June 4, 2012 and end Noon, Friday, June 8, 2012. Qualifying will be held in the Supervisor of Elections Office, 120 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450.

Candidates qualifying by the petition method will need to have the required 981 valid petition cards to the Supervisor of Elections Office by Noon, May 7, 2012.

County offices up for the 2012 election are Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor of Elections, Board

of County Commissioners Districts 1, 3, and 5, School Board Member Districts 2 and 4, Homosassa Special Water District Seats 1, 3 and 5.

For information concerning the elections for the Cities of Crystal River and Inverness, please call their respective City Clerk for candidate information.

Call Elizabeth Atkinson, qualifying officer, at 352-341-6751 for further information or visit our website at www.votecitrus.com.