

Three new candidates emerge for 10th SD ahead of nomination paper filing deadline

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Three new candidates have emerged to run for the seat formerly held by Republican Sheila Harsdorf ahead of the nomination paper filing deadline Tuesday.

But two of them appears short of the required signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Among the new candidates are Dem John Rocco Calabrese, of Glenwood City. The final two, Libertarian Brian Corriea, of Wilson, and Republican Ken Rimer, of Hammond, logged only 393 and 389 signatures, respectively, with their nomination papers, short of the 400 needed to run for state Senate.

It's unclear if Rimer would be able to rehabilitate those signatures, Elections Commission spokesman Reid Magney said. The preliminary determination of the 400 signatures Rimer turned in showed some were from outside the district.

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As for Corriea, Magney said he'd be able to rehabilitate those signatures because they stem from a problem with the dates, with the deadline set for this Friday.

Nomination papers were due at 5 p.m. Tuesday for the special elections in western Wisconsin's 10th Senate District and the 58th and 66th Assembly seats in southeastern Wisconsin. In the two Assembly districts, no new candidates had filed to run shortly before the deadline.

Those who had filed papers as of late Tuesday included:

In the 10th SD: GOP state Reps. Adam Jarchow, of Balsam Lake, and Shannon

Zimmerman, of River Falls, and Dems Reuben Herfindahl, of River Falls, and Patti Schachtner, the St. Croix County medical examiner, in addition to Corriea, Calabrese and Rimer.

In the 58th AD: Republicans Tiffany Koehler, a legislative aide who ran for the seat in 2014; Steve Stanek, a West Bend business owner; Spencer Zimmerman, who challenged House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Janesville, last year; Rick Gundrum, of Slinger; and Dem Dennis Degenhardt, of West Bend. Socialist Christopher Cook hadn't filed nomination papers.

In the 66th: Greta Neubauer, a former aide to outgoing Rep. Cory Mason, and Racine Ald. John Tate.

The special election for all three seats is slated for Jan. 16, while the primary is Dec. 19.