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## Candidates qualify in 2 counties

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Candidates in Pasco and Hernando Counties registered to run for local offices Tuesday, the opening day of the qualification period.

Four Pasco County candidates formally qualified for the September primaries.

School Board Chairman Leon Milton of Dade City was first to file qualifying papers to seek re-election. He is seeking the Democratic nomination for his current District 1 post. He is completing his first four-year term in the of-

Newton also qualified to seek election to serve the remaining two years of the term he

was appointed to fill in June 1973. Newton, a Democrat, replaced former clerk Stanley C. Burnside after he resigned. This year's election will determine who serves the remainder of Burnside's term that expires in 1976.

School Board member Harley C. Gilmore of New Port Richey, also a Democrat, qualified to seek re-election to his District 3 post. He is completing his first term in office.

Dr. Frank Bolander qualified as a Republican candidate for the District 4 County Commission post now held by -Chairman Walter M. Voorhees.

Voorhees tried to qualify early Tuesday afternoon but was unable to meet requirements because his check had been made out for \$540 instead of the required \$623. He had figured his qualifying fee on the basis of his \$10,800 current salary instead of the \$12,452 commissioners will receive next year.

ALL CANDIDATES are required to pay a fee equal to 5 per cent of the annual salary of the post they are seeking. Milton and Gilmore posted \$228 each to qualify, and Newton paid \$1.63.

Dave Boatwright, Hudson

Dave Boatwright, Hudson Elementary School teacher, qualified in Tallahassee as a candidate for the District 37 State House of Representatives post now held by State Rep. Ronald R. Richmond, R-New Port Richey. Boatwright filled copies of his papers in Dade City. He is a Democrat.

Former County Commissioner Robert K. Rees was in Dade City saying he plans to run against Voorhees: He inquired about qualification procedures but said he does not intend to qualify until after a press conference later this week.

In Hernando County, four candidates registered to run. Five offices, including two county commission and three school board posts, are up for election this year.

Candidates qualifying are:

Democratic incumbent in the county commission District 2 seat, 2240 Eastside Ave., Brooksville.

✓ Wilbur Messer, Democratic incumbent in the District 5 school board seat, 1510 Tankersly Road, Brooksville.

➤ Edward L. Brown, Republican, 300 Weatherly Road, Brooksville, qualified for the District 5 school board seat.

→ H. E. "Curly" Coburn, Democratic incumbent in the District 3 school board seat, Jasmine Drive, Brooksville.

Candidates have until noon July 23 to qualify for the Sept. 10 Democratic and Republican primaries.

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