

FORMING A NEW POLITICAL PARTY IN IDAHO – 2012

Section 34-501(c), Idaho Code, details the requirements of forming a new political party in the State of Idaho.

- (c) By an affiliation of electors who shall have signed a petition which shall:
 - (A) State the name of the proposed party in not more than six (6) words;
 - (B) State that the subscribers thereto desire to place the proposed party on the ballot;
 - (C) Have attached thereto a sheet or sheets containing the signatures of at least a number of qualified electors equal to two per cent (2%) of the aggregate vote cast for presidential electors in the state at the previous general election at which presidential electors were chosen;
 - (D) Be filed with the secretary of state on or before August 30 of even numbered years;
 - (E) The format of the signature petition sheets shall be prescribed by the secretary of state and shall be patterned after, but not limited to, such sheets as used for state initiative and referendum measures;
 - (F) The petitions and signatures so submitted shall be verified in the manner prescribed in section 34-1807, Idaho Code.
 - (G) The petition shall be circulated no earlier than August 30 of the year preceding the general election.

The prescribed petition form may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Office. Such form may be reproduced.

Each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from only one (1) county.

Petitions containing at least 13,101 certified signatures of qualified electors must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before August 30, 2012.

Prior to filing the petitions with the Secretary of State they must be certified by the County Clerks' Office. A petition carrier should submit the petition to the County Clerk well in advance of August 30 in order to allow enough time for checking the signatures. After checking the petitions presented to him the County Clerk will return the petitions with his certificate to the individual presenting the petitions. Certified petitions are then filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

Upon receiving the petitions in his office the Secretary of State will count the valid signatures of qualified electors as certified by the County Clerks.

If the petitions contain the necessary number of signatures then the Secretary of State will certify the new political party. Such party must then hold an initial convention at which all members of the party shall be entitled to attend and participate in the election of officers and the nomination of candidates.

NOTICE OF AFFILIATION OF ELECTORS AS A POLITICAL PARTY

To the Honorable Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned subscribers, each being a duly qualified elector of the State of Idaho, have affiliated together and desire to place the proposed _____ Party on the November 6, 2012, General Election Ballot.

Signature	Printed Name	Residence Street and Number	City or Post Office	Date
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STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

County of _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say: That I am a resident of the State of Idaho and at least eighteen (18) years of age: that every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence: I believe that each has stated his or her name, post-office address and residence correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and the county of _____.

Signed _____

Post-office address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

(Notary Seal)

Signed _____

Notary Public

Residing At _____

My commission expires on _____, _____