

**GUIDELINES FOR FILING AS AN INDEPENDENT
FOR THE OFFICE OF**

**UNITED STATES SENATOR
OR
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

2016 General Election

This information is subject to amendatory change during the 2016 session of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be made available.

Filing Period

1st day to file	February 29, 2016	
last day to file	March 11, 2016	Received by 5:00 PM in Secretary of State's office.

Materials Required: Declaration of Candidacy & Petitions

*** Declaration of Candidacy - Form SC-1A**

1. Print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot.
2. **You must be registered and affiliated with no political party (i.e. unaffiliated). (Contact your County Clerk to verify that you are not affiliated with any party).**
3. Signature of candidate must be notarized.

*** Petitions - Form SC-2A (may be reproduced)**

U.S. Senator

1. **1,000 signatures** verified by the County Clerk to be signatures of registered electors prior to being filed with the Secretary of State. Due to the verification requirement, each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from one (1) county.
2. All petitions must be complete (i.e., the top portion must be filled in and the circulator must have their signature notarized on the bottom portion of the petition prior to being filed with the Secretary of State.)

U.S. Representative

1. **500 signatures within congressional district** verified by the County Clerk to be signatures of registered electors prior to being filed with the Secretary of State. Due to the verification requirement, each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from only one (1) county.
2. All petitions must be complete (i.e., the top portion must be filled in and the circulator must have their signature notarized on the bottom portion of the petition prior to being filed with the Secretary of State.)

Campaign Disclosure

Candidates running for federal office should contact the Federal Election Commission concerning filing financial disclosure reports. Toll free number (800) 424-9530.

Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's Office either at elections@sos.idaho.gov or at (208) 334-2852.

To The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
OF**

Please print name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot.

FOR OFFICE OF

I, the undersigned, being a resident of _____ County, State of Idaho, registered with no Political Party affiliation (i.e. unaffiliated), do hereby declare myself to be a candidate for the office of _____ to be voted for at the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016, and that my residence address is:

(Mailing address if different from above)

I further certify that I possess the legal qualifications to hold said office. I submit herewith nominating petitions containing the statutory number of signatures of qualified electors.

Dated: _____, 2016.

Signed: _____

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

Signature: _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho
residing at

(Notary Seal)

My Commission Expires: _____

**The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho**

**PETITION FOR CANDIDACY
OF**

FOR OFFICE OF

This petition must be filed with declaration of candidacy in the office of the Secretary of State during the time prescribed by law by independent candidates for United States Senator, Representatives in Congress and all state-wide offices. The statutory minimum number of signatures must be verified by the county clerks prior to filing with the Secretary of State's office. If the petition is submitted for the office of Governor, United States Senator, or any other state-wide office, it must have affixed thereto the names of not fewer than one thousand (1,000) qualified electors. If submitted for the office of United States Representative said petition must have affixed thereto the names of not fewer than five hundred (500) qualified electors who reside within the congressional district.

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify and declare that _____, a candidate with no party affiliation (i.e. Unaffiliated) for the office of _____ to be voted for at the general election to be held on the ___ day of _____, _____, is legally qualified to hold said office.

Signature of Petitioner	Printed Name	Residence Address	Date Signed
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____
10	_____	_____	_____

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 _____, _____.

Signed _____

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho

Residing At _____

My Commission expires on _____, _____