

**IDAHO'S PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY
2016**

Sections 34-731 through 34-740, Idaho Code

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If changes occur, an updated version will be made available.

Idaho gives the political parties recognized in Idaho the option of conducting a Presidential Primary Election in March 2016 or conducting a caucus in accordance to their party rules.

Each political party in Idaho must notify the Secretary of State's Office by November 24, 2015 of their plan to hold a Presidential Primary Election. If the party decides to hold a Presidential Primary Election, the election shall be held on March 8, 2016. Candidates for the party participating in the Presidential Primary Election shall file with the Secretary of State's Office a Declaration of Candidacy and pay a \$1,000 filing fee no later than December 9, 2015 for placement on the Presidential Primary ballot.

The Republican Party and Constitution Party have notified the Secretary of State that they will be participating in the Primary Presidential Election on March 8, 2016. The Presidential Declaration of Candidacy form can be found at:

http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/candidat/2016/2016_Pres_Partisan%20Declaration.pdf

If the party decides to hold a caucus, the party shall conduct the caucus in accordance with their party rules. All filings for participation in the caucus shall be done with the State Party Office. The state chairman of the political party shall certify the candidates for President, Vice-President and Presidential Electors for placement on the General Election ballot to the Secretary of State's Office on or before September 1, 2016.

For information concerning the determination of a Presidential Primary Election or the caucus system used in the candidate selection process by each party, please contact the political party's state headquarters.

Constitution Party: PO Box 186, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816; (208) 983-4220;
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Libertarian Party of Idaho: 1421 Dearborn St, Caldwell, Idaho 83605; (208) 459-1032,
chair@lpid.org

Idaho State Republican Party: PO Box 2267, Boise, Idaho 83701; (208) 343-6405;
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KEY DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

1. November 24, 2015 – Last day for a political party intending to participate in a Presidential Primary election (March 8) to notify the Secretary of State’s Office of their plan to hold a Presidential Primary election. (Sec. 34-731, Idaho Code)
2. December 9, 2015 – Last day for Presidential Candidates to file the declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State’s Office for placement on the Presidential Primary ballot, if the political party will be participating in a Presidential Primary election (March 8). (Sec. 34-732, Idaho Code)
3. January 22 – Last day for a Presidential candidate to withdraw or have his or her name removed from the Presidential Primary election ballot, if the political party will be participating in a Presidential Primary election. (March 8) (Sec. 34-733, Idaho Code)
4. March 8 – Presidential Primary Election, if requested by political party. (Sec. 34-106, 34-731 and 34-1101, Idaho Code)
5. March 23 – Secretary of State certifies to the state chair of each political party participating in the Presidential Primary election (March 8) the number of votes received by each candidate of that party. (Sec. 34-735, Idaho Code)
6. September 1 – Last day for state party chairman to certify candidates for President, Vice-President and Presidential Electors for the General Election (November 8). (Five day extension may be granted by the Secretary of State.) (Sec. 34-711, Idaho Code)
7. September 7 – Last day a partisan candidate may withdraw before the General Election (November 8). (Sec. 34-717, Idaho Code)
8. November 8 – General Election