

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

**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: Petitions & Declaration of Candidacy**

**\* Declaration of Candidacy - Form SC-5A**

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-7A (may be reproduced)**

1. **50 signatures within legislative district** verified by the County Clerk to be signatures of registered electors prior to being filed with the Secretary of State. In a legislative district which includes more than one county, 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.)

**Campaign Disclosure**

1. All candidates must certify a political treasurer. (If you have a current political treasure on file, it is not necessary to file a new Appointment and Certification (C-1 form)).
2. Candidates must file an Appointment and Certification of Political Treasurer (C-1 form) prior to receiving any contributions or making any expenditures. The C-1 form is available from and must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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

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

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY  
OF**

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

**FOR OFFICE OF  
STATE SENATOR**

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

\_\_\_\_\_.

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(Mailing address if different from above)

I further certify that I possess the legal qualifications to hold said office, which  
are that I have attained the age of at least 21 years at the time of the General  
Election, I am a United States Citizen, and have been **a resident and registered  
elector within the Legislative District listed above for one year preceding the  
General Election.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho

(Notary Seal)

residing at

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 the declaration of candidacy in the office of the Secretary of State during the time prescribed by law by independent candidates for state senator and state representative offices. The statutory minimum number of signatures must be verified by the county clerks prior to filing with the Secretary of State's office. The submitted petition must have affixed thereto the names of at least fifty (50) qualified electors which reside within the appropriate legislative district.

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of \_\_\_\_\_ County in the State of Idaho, do hereby certify and declare that I reside in the \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative District at the place set opposite my name, and that I join in the petition of \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative District in the State of Idaho, a candidate with no political party affiliation (i.e. unaffiliated) for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to be voted for at the general election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_