INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
2020

This information is subject to amendatory change during the 2019 or 2020 sessions of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be made available.

Independent candidates for President and Vice President run only in the General Election held in November.

Section 34-708A, Idaho Code, details requirements to become an Independent candidate for the office of President and Vice President.

Persons, who desire to be independent candidates for the offices of president and vice president, must file, prior to August 25 of the election year, declarations of candidacy as independent candidates. Such declarations must state that such persons are offering themselves as independent candidates and must declare that they have no political party affiliation. The declarations shall have attached thereto a petition signed by one thousand (1,000) qualified electors.

The candidates for president and vice president shall be considered as candidates for one (1) office, and only one (1) such petition need be filed for both offices.

Signatures on the petitions required in this section shall be verified in the manner prescribed in section 34-1807, Idaho Code, provided that the petition circulators are not required to be Idaho residents.

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

**Petitions containing at least 1,000 signatures of qualified electors must be filed with the Secretary of State prior to August 25, 2020. The aforementioned signatures must be verified by the respective county clerks prior to being filed with the Secretary of State. Each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from only one (1) county. A petition carrier should submit the petition to the county clerk well in advance in order to allow enough time for checking the signatures. After verification, the county clerk will return the petitions with his certificate to the individual presenting the petition.**

**KEY DATES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

1. Deadline for independent candidates for president and vice-president to file nomination petitions with the Secretary of State for the General Election is August 25th.
2. Deadline for withdrawal from the general election is September 7th.
3. Deadline for independent candidates for president to certify presidential electors is September 1st.
4. General Election is November 3rd.
To The Honorable Lawerence Denney
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACIES
OF

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AND

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FOR OFFICES OF
UNITED STATES PRESIDENT
AND
VICE PRESIDENT

We the undersigned, being residents of ____________________ and ____________________ respectively, declare that we are not affiliated with any political party and that we are offering ourselves as independent candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States to be voted for at the General Election, and that our residence addresses are

_____________________________________________________________________________ and

_____________________________________________________________________________.

We further certify that we possess the legal qualifications to hold said offices.

Dated: ____________________, ______.

Signed: ____________________________________

Signed: _____________________________________

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

Signature: ___________________________________

(Notary Seal) Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho residing at

My Commission Expires: ______________________
The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho

PETITION FOR CANDIDACIES OF

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and

____________________________________________________________

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

This petition must be filed with declaration of candidacies in the office of the Secretary of State prior to 5 p.m. August 25th of the election year by independent candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. The statutory minimum number of signatures (1,000) must be verified by the county clerks prior to filing with the Secretary of State's office.

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify and declare that

______________________________________ and ______________________________, candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States to be voted for at the general election to be held on the ______ day of ____________, _______, are legally qualified to hold said offices.

Signature of Petitioner                                Printed Name                                  Residence Address                                  Date Signed
1 _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
2 _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
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STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

County of ____________________

I, ______________________________, being first duly sworn, say: That I am 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, and residence address correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and the county of _________________.

Signed ________________________________

Residence 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 ____________________, ______.