

# **STATE OF NEBRASKA**

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## **News Release**

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### **Presidential candidates on Nebraska ballot announced**

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced today his selection of presidential candidates to appear on the ballot for the May 11 Nebraska primary election.

Howard Dean, John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton will appear on the Democratic Party ballot. Michael Badnarik and Gary Nolan will appear on the Libertarian Party ballot. President George W. Bush was the only candidate selected to appear on the Republican Party ballot.

Under Nebraska law, the secretary of state designates “all-star” candidates to appear on the ballot. These are candidates determined by the secretary of state to be generally recognized as candidates in national news media.

“It has been a fascinating primary season with the waxing and waning of political fortunes as candidates have attempted to gain public support for their candidacy,” Gale said. “We have been watching the process with great interest as required by Nebraska law, to see which candidates still remain standing at this date and have enough notoriety to be deemed ballot-worthy in Nebraska. After much thought and discussion, I have resolved the all-star ballot list to the best of my ability.”

Gale noted that the Democratic candidates remaining in the race could change between now and the date of the Nebraska primary.

A person not designated as an all-star candidate may be placed on the ballot through a petition process involving registered voters of a political party.

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