

Presidential Candidates: Determining inclusion on the May 2016 primary ballot

There are two methods by which presidential candidates are included on the primary ballot in Nebraska. Both processes are outlined in state statute as indicated below.

1. Nebraska statute 32-614 (see below) provides that the Secretary of State places candidates who are "generally advocated or recognized as candidates in national news media" on the Nebraska primary ballot. The Secretary of State's decision typically occurs the second week of February during the election year.
2. In addition, an alternative petition process 32-613 (see below) allows candidates to submit at least 100 signatures from registered voters of the appropriate political party from each Congressional District in the state. If there are sufficient signatures, with the candidate's consent, the candidate is also placed on the Nebraska primary ballot.

For additional information or questions on Presidential candidates' names on the May 10, 2016 Nebraska Primary ballot, please call 402/471-2555 or email sos.elect@nebraska.gov.

32-614. President; petition candidates or advocated or recognized candidates; placing on ballot; affidavit of rejection of candidacy; purged candidate, when.

The names of persons in the political party (1) who are presented by petition of their supporters to be party candidates for President of the United States or (2) who have been determined by the Secretary of State to be generally advocated or recognized as candidates in national news media throughout the United States shall be printed on the primary election ballot for the office of President of the United States. This section does not apply if the political party dissolves as provided in subsection (2) of section [32-720](#).

If a person does not want his or her name on the Nebraska primary election ballot, he or she shall, by March 10 of the presidential election year, execute and file an affidavit with the Secretary of State stating without qualification that he or she is not now and does not intend to become a candidate for office of President of the United States at the next presidential election in Nebraska or any other state. If a presidential candidate files such affidavit removing his or her name and subsequently becomes a presidential candidate in another state, the candidate's affidavit in Nebraska shall be purged and shall have no force and effect. The Secretary of State shall then place such candidate's name on the primary election ballot.

32-613. President; nominating petition; consent of candidate required; form of petition.

Any petition to place a person's name on the primary election ballot for President of the United States shall contain the names of not less than one hundred voters registered with the appropriate political party from each congressional district of the state, except that if the political party dissolves as provided in subsection (2) of section [32-720](#), the Secretary of State shall not accept a petition under this section. The name of the candidate for President shall be placed upon the ballot only when written consent of such person has been filed with the Secretary of State not less than sixty days before the primary election. The form of the petition shall comply with the requirements of section [32-628](#) and shall as nearly as possible conform to the form prescribed by the Secretary of State.