

QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT (ELECTORS)

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Presidential Election

November 8, 2016

Independent¹ candidates for presidential elector must file the following materials with the Louisiana Secretary of State's office from **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016** (La R.S. 18:1254(A) - "3rd Tues. in July") through **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2016** (La R.S. 18:1254(A) - "4:30 p.m. 1st Fri. following the 3rd Tues. in Aug."):

1. **Notice of Candidacy** - used by independent candidates for the office of presidential elector. The notice of candidacy form is provided by the secretary of state and is included in this Presidential Candidate Packet (La R.S. 18:1254(D));

NOTE: A filing must consist of a full slate of eight candidates for presidential elector, one registered voter from each of the state's six congressional districts and two from the state at-large.

2. **Affidavit of Acceptance of Nomination** - a notarized affidavit by each candidate for presidential elector signifying acceptance of the nomination. The affidavit of acceptance of nomination form is provided by the secretary of state and is included in this Presidential Candidate Packet (La R.S. 18:1254(A)); and

3. **A \$500 qualifying fee OR a Nominating Petition** for the slate of candidates. (La R.S.18:1254)

A. Acceptable forms of payment for the qualifying fee are (La R.S. 18:464(A)):

1. Cash;
2. Certified or cashier's check on a state or national bank or credit union;
3. U.S. Postal money order; or
4. A money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union.

NOTE: Please make checks and money orders payable to: Louisiana Department of State.

B. Nominating petitions must contain at least 5,000 signatures of registered voters, 500 of which must be obtained from each of the six congressional districts. (La R.S.18:1254(C), La R.S. 18:465(C)(1)) Nominating petitions are available upon request.

1. First day to begin obtaining signatures on nominating petition is **March 21, 2016** (no more than 120 days before the qualifying period opens) (La R.S. 18:465(B)).
2. Last day to submit Nominating Petition for certification by the registrar of voters in each parish is **July 20, 2016**. (30 days before the qualifying period ends) (La R.S. 18:465(E)(1)(a))

Presidential elector qualifying documents may be filed by mail, by courier, or in person at:

Secretary of State, Elections - Balloting Division

Attention: Erin Delany

8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

FAXED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

¹Independent does **NOT** include political parties recognized in Louisiana (Democratic, Republican, Green, Libertarian, and Reform Parties). Nominations for presidential electors for recognized political parties are certified by the state central committees or national chairman of the parties. (La R.S.18:1253)

STATE OF LOUISIANA -- NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

(For use by independent candidates for the office of Presidential Elector)

NOTE: This Notice of Candidacy must be executed before a notary public OR witnessed by two persons who are registered to vote on the Office of Presidential Elector. If the candidate is serving outside the state with the armed forces of the United States, the Notice of Candidacy may be witnessed by a commissioned officer in the armed forces. This Notice of Candidacy, and the other Notices of Candidacy executed by each candidate of a full slate of eight candidates for the Offices of Presidential Electors, must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State during the period beginning the third Tuesday in July and ending at 4:30 p.m. the first Friday following the third Tuesday in August.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF _____:

I, _____
(Name of Candidate)

(Place of residence: number, street, city, state, zip)

hereby certify that:

1. I will be a candidate in the election to be held on _____
for election to the Office of Elector for President and Vice President of the United States from the

(indicate state-at-large or specify the congressional district)

2. I support the following candidates for President and Vice President of the United States:

For President of the United States: _____
(Name of candidate)

of: _____
(Name of state)

For Vice President of the United States: _____
(Name of candidate)

of: _____
(Name of state)

3. The political principle which I and the other seven candidates for Presidential Elector represent, in not more than three words, to be printed on the ballot as follows: _____

4. Check the appropriate blank: I am a member of the
___Democratic Party ___Republican Party ___Green Party ___Libertarian Party ___Reform Party
___I am not affiliated with a recognized political party.

5. I hereby designate that my name be printed on the ballot as follows: (Titles will not be printed on the ballot)

6. I filed this Notice of Candidacy as one of a group of eight Notices of Candidacy for Presidential Elector, to which we attach ___cash; ___cashier's or certified check drawn on a state or national bank or credit union; U.S. Postal money order; ___ money order issued by a state or national bank or credit union, in the sum of \$500.00; **OR** ___ nominating petition.

7. I have read this Notice of Candidacy and all the statements contained in it are true and correct.

8. I attach hereto my notarized affidavit signifying my acceptance of the nomination.

WITNESSES:

X _____
(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ___day of _____, _____.

(Notary Public)

(Print Name and Number)

Received in the office of Secretary of State on the ___ day of _____, _____

(Signature of receiving officer)

AFFIDAVIT OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

(For use by Independent Candidates for the Office of Presidential Elector)



STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared:

(name of candidate)

who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1254(A), accepts the nomination as a candidate for Presidential Elector from the

_____ of Louisiana supporting
(indicate state-at-large or specify the congressional district)

_____ as President of the United States of America and
(name of presidential candidate)

_____ as Vice President of the United States of America.
(name of vice-presidential candidate)

X

(candidate signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

_____ day of _____, _____

_____ (notary public) _____ (notary/bar #)