
FILING FOR OFFICE

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PACKET

State of Alaska
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Division of Elections
2020



BALLOT ACCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The statutes of the State of Alaska do not provide for access to the Primary Election ballot for candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and Alaska does not conduct a presidential primary. Candidates for President and Vice President are only on Alaska's General Election ballot.

RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES

In order to have a candidate's name on the General Election ballot, the national committees of political parties which are *recognized political parties* in the State of Alaska (currently the Alaska Democratic Party, Alaskan Independence Party, and the Alaska Republican Party) select their presidential and vice presidential candidates in a manner prescribed by their party bylaws. The *recognized political parties* are responsible for sending the Division of Elections their official certificate of nomination with the names of their respective candidates for Alaska's General Election ballot no later than the withdrawal deadline for the November General Election, which is the 64th day prior to the election.

LIMITED POLITICAL PARTIES

As an alternative, a group who has established status with the State of Alaska as a *limited political party* can also submit names for President and Vice President for the General Election ballot. A *limited political party* is organized specifically for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President.

Limited political parties are governed by Alaska Statute 15.30.025, and a copy is enclosed for your review. To establish a *limited political party*, a petition must be submitted to the Division of Elections at least 90 days before a Presidential General Election. That date is August 5, 2020 for the 2020 General Election. It must be signed by qualified voters of the State of Alaska equal to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for President at the last Presidential Election. The number of ballots cast for President in the 2016 Presidential Election was 321,274. Therefore, the number of qualified signatures required on the petition must be at least 3,212.

Enclosed is an application to establish a *limited political party* in the State of Alaska, along with a sample signature page that can be copied and used to accumulate the appropriate number of signatures to establish the party. Each subscriber to the petition must provide their printed name, numerical identifier, signature, date of signature, and the address of each person signing the petition. The application, which includes the petition signatures, can be mailed to the Division of Elections Director's Office.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

A person may also file as an independent candidate for President of the United States by filing a petition with the Director of Elections not earlier than January 1 of a presidential election year and not later than the 90th day before a Presidential General Election. That date is August 5, 2020 for the 2020 General Election. The petition must be signed by qualified voters of the state equal in number to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in an election under AS 15.30 for President of the United States at the last Presidential General Election. The number of ballots cast for President in the 2016 Presidential Election was 321,274. Therefore, the number of qualified signatures required on the petition must be at least 3,212. The petition must state that the signers desire the named candidate for President of the United States to appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for president at the next succeeding Presidential General Election.

In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate who has qualified for ballot status under AS 15.30.026(a) shall certify the following information to the Director of Elections on or before September 1 of the year of the Presidential General Election:

- (1) the names of the electors for the independent candidate for President of the United States, equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress;
 - (2) the name of a candidate for Vice President, selected by the independent candidate; and
 - (3) the name, Alaska mailing address, and signature of the candidate's state campaign chair, who must be an Alaska resident.
- [AS 15.30.026(b)]*

Enclosed is an application to file as an Independent Candidate in the State of Alaska, along with a sample page that can be copied and used to accumulate the appropriate number of signatures to establish the party. Each subscriber to the petition must provide their printed name, numerical identifier, signature, date of signature, and the address of each person signing the petition. The application, which includes the petition signatures, can be mailed to the Division of Elections Director's Office.

**STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
ELECTION LAW DATES
FOR
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

A Limited Political Party petition for presidential candidates must be submitted to the Division of Elections by this date. The petition must have at least 3,212 signatures of registered Alaska voters. AS 15.30.025(a)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

An Independent Candidate petition for presidential candidates must be submitted to the Division of Elections by this date. The petition must have at least 3,212 signatures of registered Alaska voters. AS 15.30.026

Monday, August 31, 2020

Candidates for President and Vice President must have photographs, statements advocating their candidacy and the appropriate fee in the Division of Elections office by this date to be printed in the *Official Election Pamphlet*. (Since the 30th of August falls on a Sunday, the deadline is moved to the next business day.) AS 15.58.030(a)

Monday, August 31, 2020

Last day for a candidate to withdraw their name from the General Election ballot. AS 15.25.200, 6AAC 25.210(b)

Monday, August 31, 2020

Last day for parties to submit a certificate with the names of their candidates for President and Vice President to appear on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Last day for political parties and qualified independent candidates to submit names of electors to the Division of Elections. AS 15.30.020 & AS 15.30.026(b)

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Ballot layout certified for printing.

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Last day to file a *Letter of Intent* as a write-in candidate for the 2020 General Election. AS 15.25.105(c)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

General Election Day. AS 15.15.020

Monday, December 14, 2020

Electors meet at 11:00 a.m. to cast their votes for President and Vice President. AS 15.30.070

**STATE OF ALASKA
APPLICATION FOR LIMITED POLITICAL PARTY**

Return this application and the signature pages to:

**Division of Elections
PO Box 110017
Juneau, AK 99811-0017**

We, the attached named qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition to become a Limited Political Party for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next presidential election under AS 15.30.025. Our Limited Political Party shall be known as:

NOTE: Party name or an abbreviation of the party name will appear on the ballot following the candidate's name. The group may not assume a name which is so similar to an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters.

NAME:	CONTACT PERSON:	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT PERSON:
	_____	_____
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Signature of Designated Contact Person
Representing the Limited Political Party

Date

STATE OF ALASKA SUBSCRIBERS' PAGE

PETITION FOR LIMITED POLITICAL PARTIES

We the undersigned qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition to become a Limited Political Party under AS 15.30.025 and to be known as the _____ Party for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next presidential election.

	PRINTED NAME <i>(Print Clearly – MUST PROVIDE)</i>	ALASKA RESIDENCE ADDRESS <i>(i.e. house no. & street name, mile post & road name and AK City)</i>	IDENTIFIER: <i>(Last 4 SSN, Voter #, DOB, ADL # or AK State ID #)</i>	SIGNATURE <i>(MUST PROVIDE)</i>	DATE SIGNED
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NOTE: Please attach all signature pages to the "Application for Limited Political Party" filing form. In order for the Division to clearly identify qualified voters, the voter should complete all columns for verification purposes. Failure to do so may result in the Divisions inability to identify and process the individual's subscription to the petition.

**STATE OF ALASKA
APPLICATION FOR AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE**

Return this application and the signature pages to:

**Division of Elections
PO Box 110017
Juneau, AK 99811-0017**

We, the attached named qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition that

_____ appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for
Name of Independent Candidate

President of the United States at the next succeeding Presidential General Election

under AS 15.30.026.

***Note: The Director of Elections may not include on the ballot as part of the candidate's name, any honorary or assumed title or prefix but may include in the candidate's name any nickname or familiar form of a proper name of the candidate. [AS 15.15.030(4)]**

	CONTACT PERSON:	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT PERSON:
NAME:	_____	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	_____
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PHONE #:	_____	_____
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Signature of Designated Contact Person
Representing the Independent Candidate

Date

STATE OF ALASKA SUBSCRIBERS' PAGE

PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition that _____ appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for President of the United States at the next succeeding presidential general election under AS 15.30.026.

	PRINTED NAME <i>(Print Clearly – MUST PROVIDE)</i>	ALASKA RESIDENCE ADDRESS <i>(i.e. house no. & street name, mile post & road name and AK City)</i>	IDENTIFIER: <i>(Last 4 SSN, Voter #, DOB, ADL # or AK State ID #)</i>	SIGNATURE <i>(MUST PROVIDE)</i>	DATE SIGNED
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NOTE: Please attach all signature pages to the "Application for Independent Candidate" filing form. In order for the Division to clearly identify qualified voters, the voter should complete all columns for verification purposes. Failure to do so may result in the Divisions inability to identify and process individual's subscription to the petition.

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

Chapter 30. National Elections.

Article

1. President (15.30.010 – 15.30.100)
2. United States Congress (15.30.110 – 15.30.120)

Article 1. President

Section

10. Provision for selection of electors
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50. Interpretation of votes cast for candidates for President and Vice President
60. Notification of electors
70. Place and time of meeting
80. Filing of vacancies
90. Duties of electors
100. Compensation of electors

Sec. 15.30.010. Provision of selection of electors. Electors of President and Vice President of the United States are select by election at the general election in presidential election years. (Sec. 6.01 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 10 ch 71 SLA 1972)

Sec. 15.30.020. Number and manner of selecting candidates. Each political party shall select a number of candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress. The candidates for electors shall be selected by the state party convention or in any other manner prescribed by the bylaws of the party. The chairman and secretary of the state convention or any other party official designated by the party bylaws shall certify a list of names of candidates for electors to the director on or before September 1 in presidential election years. (Sec 6.02 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec.143 ch 100 SLA 1980)

Effect of amendments. – The 2000 amendment, effective July 1, 2000, made stylistic changes.

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

Sec. 15.30.025. Qualifications for limited political parties.

(a) A limited political party may be organized for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States by filing with the director at least 90 days before a presidential general election a petition signed by qualified voters of the state equaling in number at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for President at the last presidential election. The petition shall state that the signers intend to organize a limited political party, that they intend to select candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next succeeding presidential election, and the name of the limited political party.

(b) A limited political party organized under this section may not assume a name which is so similar to an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election. If the director determines that the name of the limited political party set out in a petition is confusing or misleading, the director may refuse to accept the petition for filing.

(c) A limited political party organized under this section ceases to be a limited political party if its presidential candidate fails to receive at least three percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for the office of President at a presidential election (Sec. 1 ch 160 SLA 1970; am sec. 144 ch 100 SLA 1980; am secs. 28, 29 ch 85 SLA 1986)

Ballot access requirement. – The amendment of a similar ballot access requirement increasing minimum signatures required from 1000 to 3 percent of voters cast in last election was held violative of free speech and equal protection clauses of the Alaska Constitution by effectively eliminating a new political party's access to the ballot. *Vogler v. Miller*, 561 P.2d 1 (Alaska 1982).

Sec. 15.30.026. Qualifications for independent candidates for President of the United States; selection of candidate for Vice President; selection of electors.

(a) A person who desires to be an independent candidate for President of the United States must file with the director not earlier than January 1 of a presidential election year and not later than the 90th day before a presidential general election a petition signed by qualified voters of the state equal in number to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in an election under this chapter for President of the United States at the last presidential general election. The petition must state that the signers desire the named candidate for President of the United States to appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for president at the next succeeding presidential general election.

(b) In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate who has qualified for ballot status under (a) of this section shall certify the following information to the director on or before September 1 of the year of the presidential general election:

(1) the names of the electors for the independent candidate for President of the United States, equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress;

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

(2) the name of a candidate for Vice President, selected by the independent candidate; and

(3) the name, Alaska mailing address, and signature of the candidate's state campaign chair, who must be an Alaska resident. (Sec 28 ch 2 FSSLA 2005)

Effective dates. – Section 28, ch. 2, FSSLA 2005, which enacted this section, took effect on September 22, 2005.

Sec. 15.30.030. Qualification of electors. Any qualified voter except a United States senator or representative or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States may be selected as a candidate for elector. (Sec. 6.03 ch 83 SLA 1960)

Sec. 15.30.040. Requirement of party pledge. The party shall require from each candidate for elector a pledge that as an elector the person will vote for the candidates nominated by the party of which the person is a candidate. (Sec. 6.04 ch 83 SLA 1960)

Sec. 15.30.050. Interpretation of votes cast for candidates for President and Vice President. In voting for presidential electors, a vote marked for the candidates for President and Vice President is considered and counted as a vote for the presidential electors of the party or for the presidential electors named under AS 15.30.026, as appropriate. (Sec 6.05 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 29 ch 2 FSSLA 2005)

Effect of amendments. – The 2005 amendment, effective September 22, 2005, added “for the presidential electors named under AS 15.30.026, as appropriate” at the end of the section and made stylistic changes.

Sec. 15.30.060. Notification of electors. When the results of the election of presidential electors have been determined, the director shall send a certificate of election to each elector and shall notify the electors of the time and place of their meeting and of their duties as electors. (Sec. 6.06 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 145 ch 100 SLA 1980)

Sec. 15.30.070. Place and time of meeting. The electors shall meet at the office of the director or other place designated by the director at 11:00 o'clock in the morning on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following their election. If Congress fixes a different day for the meeting, the electors shall meet on the day designated by the Act of Congress. (Sec. 6.07 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 146 ch 100 SLA 1980)

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

Sec. 15.30.080. Filing of vacancies. If there is a vacancy caused by death, failure to attend, ineligibility or other cause, and if available alternative have not been designated, the electors shall fill the vacancy by plurality vote. (Sec. 6.08 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 25 ch 136 SLA 1966)

Sec. 15.30.100. Duties of electors. After any vacancies have been filled, the electors shall proceed to cast their votes for the candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the party which selected them as candidates for electors, or for the candidates for the office of President and Vice President under AS 15.30.026 if the electors were named under AS 15.30.026, and shall perform the duties of electors as required by the constitution and laws of the United States. The director shall provide administrative services and the Department of Law shall provide legal services necessary for the electors to perform their duties. (Sec. 6.09 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 147 ch 100 SLA 1980; am sec. 30 ch 2 FSSLA 2005)

Sec. 15.30.100. Compensation of electors. Each elector is entitled to receive from the state treasure the same per diem and travel expenses allowed members of the legislature. (Sec. 6.10 ch 83 SLA 1960; sec. 25 ch 14 SLA 1987)