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Running for President and Vice President of the United States

Officer Qualifications and Terms of Office

Only natural born citizens shall be eligible for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States who are at least 35 years of age and resided within the United States for at least 14 years. No person constitutionally ineligible to hold the office of President shall be eligible to hold the office of Vice President. [United States Constitution, Article 2, Section 1 and Amendment 12](#)

The 4-year terms of office for President and Vice President of the United States begin at noon on January 20th following the date of election.

Political Party Presidential Caucuses

An established political party can choose to hold a presidential caucus or rely on some other selection process recognized by the national party. The timeline and process is decided by the individual political party and is not covered under the North Dakota Century Code. Please contact the individual political party for more information.

Established Political Parties in ND

<p>North Dakota Republican Party 1029 5th St N Bismarck ND 58501 (701) 255-0030 info@ndgop.org www.ndgop.org</p>	<p>North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party 1902 E. Divide Ave. Bismarck ND 58501 (701) 255-0460 people@demnpl.com www.demnpl.com</p>	<p>Libertarian Party of North Dakota 210 11th Ave NE #313 Watford City ND 58854 (701) 609-9654 www.lpnorthdakota.org</p>
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Running in the General Election

Whether an established political party holds a presidential preference caucus or relies upon some other selection process recognized by the national party, the party may still nominate a candidate for President of the United States for inclusion on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot.

[NDCC § 16.1-03-14](#)

These are the forms for a complete filing:

1. A [Certificate of Nomination for Presidential Electors \(SFN 50883\)](#);

2. An [Affidavit of Candidacy \(SFN 52500\)](#) for presidential and vice-presidential candidates;
3. A [Statement of Interests \(SFN 10172\)](#) or a like personal disclosure statement required by the Federal Election Commission for presidential and vice-presidential Candidates.

When and Where to File

Nominations for presidential and vice-presidential candidates and their respective electors must be filed by an established political party by 4:00 p.m. on the 64th day before the November 3, 2020 General Election.

The deadline for filing with the **Secretary of State is 4:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020**. Complete filings must be in the physical possession of the Secretary of State's office by the filing deadline.

Running as a candidate from another National Party in the General Election

A party failing to establish itself and gain ballot access by the April 6, 2020 deadline, may still nominate a presidential candidate for inclusion on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot. The name of the nominee for president of the United States may appear on the ballot with a designation, not to exceed five words, that names the organization or political party to which the presidential candidate affiliates. The designation may not;

- falsely indicate an affiliation with or the support of any political party organized in accordance with this title
- include any substantive word or phrase that is profane
- include or resemble the name of a political party entitled to a separate column on the ballot.

[NDCC §16.1-11-30](#) and [Ch. 16.1-12-02](#)

A Complete Filing Must Include:

1. A [Petition/Certificate of Nomination For Political Party Not Established in North Dakota \(SFN 58578\)](#) containing the signatures of at least 4,000 qualified North Dakota electors;
2. A [Certificate of Nomination - Presidential Electors/ National Form \(SFN 50905\)](#);
3. An [Affidavit of Candidacy \(President and Vice President of the United States\) \(SFN 52500\)](#) for each candidate;
4. A [Statement of Interests \(SFN 10172\)](#) or a like personal disclosure statement required by the Federal Election Commission for presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Circulating and Signing a Petition/Certificate of Nomination

A Petition/Certificate of Nomination may not be circulated or signed prior to January 1st of a presidential election year. Petition circulators do not need to be ND qualified electors.

When and Where to File

Nominations for presidential candidates and their respective running mates and electors must be filed by 4:00 p.m. on the 64th day before the November 3, 2020 General Election.

The deadline for filing with the **Secretary of State is 4:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020**. Complete filings must be in the physical possession of the Secretary of State's office by the filing deadline.

Running as an independent candidate in the General Election

North Dakota law mandates that a person seeking to run as an independent candidate in the General Election must complete the same forms and follow the same deadlines as those running under a political party not established in North Dakota. The political party designation is simply to be checked as "independent candidate" in the appropriate space on the Petition/Certificate of Nomination for Political Party Not Established in North Dakota form. Please see the preceding section for the necessary forms and deadlines.

[NDCC § 16.1-12-02](#)

Running as a Write-In Candidate in the General Election

A person who intends to be a write-in candidate for President of the United States at the November 3, 2020 General Election shall file a Certificate of Write-In Candidacy with the Secretary of State by 4:00 p.m. on the 21st day before the General Election. The Certificate of Write-In Candidacy must contain the complete address of the candidate and the names and complete addresses of the candidate's 3 presidential electors. A certificate of acceptance signed by the candidate's presidential electors must accompany the Certificate of Write-In Candidacy. The certificate of acceptance for each elector is included as part of the Certificate of Write-In Candidacy. If the presidential candidate has a vice-presidential running mate, the name and complete address of the running mate shall be contained on the Certificate of Write-In Candidacy as well. If there is no vice-presidential running mate, the certificate shall be appropriately marked. The vice-presidential certificate of acceptance is also included as part of the Certificate of Write-In Candidacy.

[NDCC Ch. 16.1-12-02.2](#)

A Complete Filing Must Include:

1. A [Certificate of Write-In Candidacy President of the United States General Election \(SFN 18440\)](#);
2. A [Statement of Interests \(SFN 10172\)](#) or a like personal disclosure statement required by the Federal Election Commission for presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

When and Where to File

The filing deadline with the **Secretary of State is 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020**. Complete filings must be in the physical possession of the Secretary of State's office by the filing deadline.

Interaction with Federal Laws

Candidates for President and Vice President of the United States are subject to the registration and financial disclosure requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Under the Federal Election Campaign Act, a candidate is subject to registration and financial obligations when the campaign exceeds \$5,000 in either contributions or expenditures.

Questions may be directed to:

Federal Election Commission (FEC)
999 E Street North West, Room 232
Washington, D.C. 20463
Toll Free 1-800-424-9530
Web Site www.fec.gov

Forms

The state forms (SFN's) listed above are available from the Secretary of State's office and may also be accessed from the Secretary of State's [web site](#).

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