



## **Petitioning to Place a Major Party Candidate on the Ballot for the Washington Presidential Primary**

### **Who May Petition**

The Washington Presidential Primary is held for major party candidates only. The major political parties recognized in Washington according to state law are the Democratic and Republican parties.

On November 13, 2007, the Secretary of State released a preliminary list of major party candidates who are generally advocated, or recognized in national news media. A major party candidate whose name does not appear on this preliminary list may petition to be added to the final list of candidates.

Minor party and independent candidates do not participate in the Presidential Primary. They are nominated by convention. See *Filing for Elective Office*:

[www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/pdf/Filing\\_for\\_Elective\\_Office.pdf](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/pdf/Filing_for_Elective_Office.pdf)

### **Gathering Signatures**

Petitioners must submit at least 1,000 valid signatures of voters registered in Washington in order to nominate a candidate for the Presidential Primary. Signatures may not be collected until after the preliminary list of candidates is released by the Secretary of State.

The petitions, and a notarized statement from the candidate consenting to the nomination, must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2007.

### **Verification of Signatures**

The Secretary of State will verify the signatures on the petition to determine if a sufficient number of valid signatures has been submitted. Any petition that clearly bears insufficient signatures, is not accompanied by the consent of the candidate, or is in a form inconsistent with requirements will be rejected without verification of the signatures.

If the petition has insufficient valid signatures, the petitioner will be notified by the Secretary of State. Additional signatures may be submitted prior to the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2007.

If the petition has sufficient valid signatures, the candidate will be added to the Secretary of State's official list of candidates, which will be certified to the County Auditors no later than December 31, 2007.

## Nominating Petition for Major Party Candidate for Washington Presidential Primary

I, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of law, that I am a registered voter of the State of Washington, that I am affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, and that I support  
Democratic or Republican

\_\_\_\_\_ as a nominee of that party for the office of President  
Name of Candidate

of the United States. I further declare that I have only signed one petition.

*NOTE: It is essential that you provide the correct address where you are registered to vote. Election officials will use this information to verify your registration status. A mistake in your address could cause your signature to be disqualified.*

Signature <small>Please Sign as Registered to Vote</small>	Printed Name <small>As Registered to Vote</small>	Residential Address <small>Where Registered to Vote</small>	County	Precinct <small>If Known</small>
1)				
2)				
3)				
4)				
5)				
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8)				
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10)				
11)				
12)				

**Consent to Nomination  
as a Major Party Candidate  
for President of the United States**

State of Washington )  
 ) ss

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at  
Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

hereby consent to my nomination as a \_\_\_\_\_ Party  
Democratic or Republican

candidate for the office of President of the United States. I further consent to having my  
name placed on the Washington State Presidential Primary ballot as a candidate for the  
party and office named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate for President Date

**Notary's Certification (required)**

*I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that \_\_\_\_\_  
signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his/he free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes  
mentioned in the instrument.*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Signature

Notary Public in and for the state of \_\_\_\_\_, residing at:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_