

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES  
FOR  
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
2012**

This information is subject to amendatory change during the 2012 session of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be made available.

Independent candidates for President and Vice President are not on the ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary conducted in May of 2012. Independent candidates run only in the General Election held in November.

Section 34-708A, Idaho Code, details requirements to become an Independent candidate for the office of President and Vice President.

Persons, who desire to be independent candidates for the offices of president and vice president, must file, prior to August 25 of the election year, declarations of candidacy as independent candidates. Such declarations must state that such persons are offering themselves as independent candidates and must declare that they have no political party affiliation. The declarations shall have attached thereto a petition signed by one thousand (1,000) qualified electors.

The candidates for president and vice president shall be considered as candidates for one (1) office, and only one (1) such petition need be filed for both offices.

Signatures on the petitions required in this section shall be verified in the manner prescribed in section 34-1807, Idaho Code, provided that the petition circulators are not required to be Idaho residents.

The prescribed petition form may be obtained from the Secretary of State's office. Such form may be reproduced.

**Petitions containing at least 1,000 signatures of qualified electors must be filed with the Secretary of State prior to August 25, 2012. The aforementioned signatures must be verified by the respective county clerks prior to being filed with the Secretary of State.** Each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from only one (1) county. A petition carrier should submit the petition to the county clerk well in advance in order to allow enough time for checking the signatures. After verification, the county clerk will return the petitions with his certificate to the individual presenting the petition.

To The Honorable Ben Ysursa  
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACIES  
OF**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**AND**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICES OF  
UNITED STATES PRESIDENT  
AND  
VICE PRESIDENT**

We the undersigned, being residents of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
respectively, declare that we are not affiliated with any political party and that we are offering ourselves  
as independent candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States to be  
voted for at the General Election, and that our residence addresses are

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

We further certify that we possess the legal qualifications to hold said offices.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

(Notary Seal)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho  
residing at

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Ben Yursa  
Secretary of State -- State of Idaho

PETITION FOR CANDIDACIES OF

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

This petition must be filed with declaration of candidacies in the office of the Secretary of State prior to 5 p.m. August 24th of the election year by independent candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. The statutory minimum number of signatures (1,000) must be verified by the county clerks prior to filing with the Secretary of State's office.

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify and declare that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States to be voted for at the general election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, are legally qualified to hold said offices.

Signature of Petitioner	Printed Name	Residence Address	Date Signed
1 _____	_____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____	_____
7 _____	_____	_____	_____
8 _____	_____	_____	_____
9 _____	_____	_____	_____
10 _____	_____	_____	_____
11 _____	_____	_____	_____
12 _____	_____	_____	_____

STATE OF IDAHO

ss.

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say: That I am at least eighteen (18) years of age; that every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, post-office address and residence correctly, that each signer is a qualified elector of the State of Idaho, and the county of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public in and for the state of Idaho

Residing At \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.