

**CANDIDATES NOT AFFILIATED WITH A
PARTY**

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Election Code by modifying the requirements for a certificate of nomination for candidates not affiliated with a political party.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

20A-9-502, as last amended by Chapter 75, Laws of Utah 2000

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-9-502** is amended to read:

20A-9-502. Certificate of nomination -- Contents -- Circulation -- Verification.

(1) The candidate shall:

(a) prepare a certificate of nomination in substantially the following form:

"State of Utah, County of _____

I, _____, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the political group designated as ____ for the office of _____. I do solemnly swear that I can qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at _____ Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of Utah, zip code _____, phone _____, and that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of signatures of registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly violate any election or campaign law, and that I will qualify for the office if I am elected to it.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____(month\day\year).

Notary Public (or other officer
qualified to administer oaths)"; and

(b) attach signature sheets to the certificate that contain a place for the registered

voter's signature, a place for the registered voter to print his name, and a place for the registered voter's address.

(2) (a) The candidate shall circulate the nomination petition and submit it to the county clerk for certification when the petition has been completed by:

(i) at least 1,000 registered voters residing within the state when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of the entire state; or

(ii) at least 300 registered voters residing within a political division or at least 5% of the registered voters residing within a political division, whichever is less, when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the voters of any political division smaller than the state.

(b) In reviewing the petition, the county clerk shall count and certify only those persons who signed the petition who:

(i) are registered voters within the political division that the candidate seeks to represent; and

(ii) did not sign any other certificate of nomination for that office.

(c) The candidate may supplement or amend the certificate of nomination at any time on or before the filing deadline.