

338 is "distinguishable" if a reasonable person of average intelligence will be able to perceive a  
 339 difference between the proposed name or emblem and any name or emblem currently being  
 340 used by another registered political party.

341 (2) To become a registered political party, an organization of registered voters that is  
 342 not a continuing political party shall:

343 (a) circulate a petition seeking registered political party status beginning no earlier than  
 344 the date of the statewide canvass held after the last regular general election and ending no later  
 345 than ~~the February~~ November ~~H→~~ [15] 30 ~~←H~~ of the year before the year in which the next regular  
 345a general  
 346 election will be held; ~~and~~

347 (b) file a petition with the lieutenant governor that is signed, with a holographic  
 348 signature, by at least 2,000 registered voters on or before ~~February~~ November ~~H→~~ [15] 30 ~~←H~~ of  
 348a the year  
 349 in which a regular general election will be held~~[-]; and~~

350 (c) file, with the petition described in Subsection (2)(b), a document certifying:

351 (i) the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote for  
 352 the organization's candidates;

353 (ii) whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the organization's candidates; and

354 (iii) whether, for the next election, the organization intends to nominate the  
 355 organization's candidates in accordance with the provisions of Section 20A-9-406.

356 (3) The petition shall:

357 (a) be on sheets of paper 8-1/2 inches long and 11 inches wide;

358 (b) be ruled with a horizontal line 3/4 inch from the top, with the space above that line  
 359 blank for the purpose of binding;

360 (c) contain the name of the political party and the words "Political Party Registration  
 361 Petition" printed directly below the horizontal line;

362 (d) contain the word "Warning" printed directly under the words described in  
 363 Subsection (3)(c);

364 (e) contain, to the right of the word "Warning," the following statement printed in not  
 365 less than eight-point, single leaded type:

366 "It is a class A misdemeanor for anyone to knowingly sign a political party registration  
 367 petition signature sheet with any name other than the ~~person's~~ individual's own name or more  
 368 than once for the same party or if the ~~person~~ individual is not registered to vote in this state

617 Section 20A-9-601.

618 (b) Each registered political party that chooses to have the names of [its] the registered  
619 political party's candidates for elective office featured with party affiliation on the ballot at a  
620 regular general election shall comply with the requirements of this section and shall nominate  
621 [its] the registered political party's candidates for elective office in the manner [~~prescribed~~]  
622 described in this section.

623 (c) A filing officer may not permit an official ballot at a regular general election to be  
624 produced or used if the ballot denotes affiliation between a registered political party or any  
625 other political group and a candidate for elective office who [~~was~~] is not nominated in the  
626 manner prescribed in this section or in Subsection 20A-9-202(4).

627 (d) Unless noted otherwise, the dates in this section refer to those that occur in each  
628 even-numbered year in which a regular general election will be held.

629 (2) (a) Each registered political party, in a statement filed with the lieutenant governor,  
630 shall:

631 (i) either declare [~~their~~] the registered political party's intent to participate in the next  
632 regular primary election or declare that the registered political party chooses not to have the  
633 names of [its] the registered political party's candidates for elective office featured on the ballot  
634 at the next regular general election; and

635 (ii) if the registered political party participates in the upcoming regular primary  
636 election, identify one or more registered political parties whose members may vote for the  
637 registered political party's candidates and whether [~~or not persons~~] individuals identified as  
638 unaffiliated with a political party may vote for the registered political party's candidates.

639 (b) (i) A registered political party that is a continuing political party [~~must~~] shall file  
640 the statement described in Subsection (2)(a) with the lieutenant governor no later than 5 p.m.  
641 on November ~~H~~→ [15] 30 ←~~H~~ of each odd-numbered year.

642 (ii) An organization that is seeking to become a registered political party under Section  
643 20A-8-103 [~~must~~] shall file the statement described in Subsection (2)(a) at the time that the  
644 registered political party files the petition described in Section 20A-8-103.

645 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), [~~a person who has submitted~~] an  
646 individual who submits a declaration of candidacy under Section 20A-9-202 shall appear as a  
647 candidate for elective office on the regular primary ballot of the registered political party listed

648 on the declaration of candidacy only if the ~~[person]~~ individual is certified by the appropriate  
 649 filing officer as having submitted a set of nomination petitions that was:

650 (i) circulated and completed in accordance with Section 20A-9-405; and  
 651 (ii) signed by at least ~~[two percent]~~ 2% of the registered political party's members who  
 652 reside in the political division of the office that the ~~[person]~~ individual seeks.

653 (b) (i) A candidate for elective office shall submit nomination petitions to the  
 654 appropriate filing officer for verification and certification no later than 5 p.m. on the final day  
 655 in March. ~~[Candidates]~~

656 (ii) A candidate may supplement ~~[their]~~ the candidate's submissions at any time on or  
 657 before the filing deadline.

658 (c) (i) The lieutenant governor shall determine for each elective office the total number  
 659 of signatures that must be submitted under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) by counting the aggregate  
 660 number of ~~[persons]~~ individuals residing in each elective office's political division who have  
 661 designated a particular registered political party on ~~[their]~~ the individuals' voter registration  
 662 forms ~~[as of]~~ on or before November ~~H→~~ [1] 15 ←H of each odd-numbered year.

663 (ii) The lieutenant governor shall publish ~~[this]~~ the determination for each elective  
 664 office no later than November ~~H→~~ [15] 30 ←H of each odd-numbered year.

665 (d) The filing officer shall:

666 (i) verify signatures on nomination petitions in a transparent and orderly manner;  
 667 (ii) for all qualifying candidates for elective office who ~~[submitted]~~ submit nomination  
 668 petitions to the filing officer, issue certifications referenced in Subsection (3)(a) no later than 5  
 669 p.m. on the first Monday after the third Saturday in April;

670 (iii) consider active and inactive voters eligible to sign nomination petitions;

671 (iv) consider ~~[a person]~~ an individual who signs a nomination petition a member of a  
 672 registered political party for purposes of Subsection (3)(a)(ii) if the ~~[person]~~ individual has  
 673 designated that registered political party as the ~~[person's]~~ individual's party membership on the  
 674 ~~[person's]~~ individual's voter registration form; and

675 (v) utilize procedures described in Section 20A-7-206.3 to verify submitted nomination  
 676 petition signatures, or use statistical sampling procedures to verify submitted nomination  
 677 petition signatures ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with rules made under Subsection (3)(f).

678 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Subsection (3), a candidate for

834 (i) the partisan municipal primary ballot is similar to the ballot forms required by  
835 Sections 20A-6-401 and 20A-6-401.1;

836 (ii) the candidates for each municipal political party are listed in one or more columns  
837 under their party name and emblem;

838 (iii) the names of candidates of all parties are printed on the same ballot, but under  
839 their party designation;

840 (iv) every ballot is folded and perforated [~~so as to separate~~] in a manner that separates  
841 the candidates of one party from those of the other parties and [~~so as to enable the elector~~]  
842 enables the voter to separate the part of the ballot containing the names of the party of [~~his~~] the  
843 voter's choice from the remainder of the ballot; and

844 (v) the side edges of all ballots are perforated so that the outside sections of the ballots,  
845 when detached, are similar in appearance to inside sections when detached.

846 (e) After marking a municipal primary ballot, the voter shall:

847 (i) detach the part of the ballot containing the names of the candidates of the party [~~he~~]  
848 the voter has voted from the rest of the ballot;

849 (ii) fold the detached part so that its face is concealed and deposit it in the ballot box;  
850 and

851 (iii) fold the remainder of the ballot containing the names of the candidates of the  
852 parties for whom the elector did not vote and deposit it in the blank ballot box.

853 (f) Immediately after the canvass, the election judges shall, without examination,  
854 destroy the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.

855 Section 11. Section **20A-9-406** is amended to read:

856 **20A-9-406. Qualified political party -- Requirements and exemptions.**

857 The following provisions apply to a qualified political party:

858 (1) the qualified political party shall, no later than 5 p.m. on [~~March 1~~ of each  
859 ~~even-numbered~~] November ~~H~~ → [15] 30 ← ~~H~~ of each odd-numbered year, certify to the lieutenant  
859a governor

860 the identity of one or more registered political parties whose members may vote for the  
861 qualified political party's candidates and whether unaffiliated voters may vote for the qualified  
862 political party's candidates;

863 (2) the provisions of Subsections 20A-9-403(1) through (4)(a), Subsection  
864 20A-9-403(5)(c), and Section 20A-9-405 do not apply to a nomination for the qualified