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STATE OF ALASKA
Division of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

BALLOT ACCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: The statutes of the State of Alaska do not provide for access to the Primary Election ballot for candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, and Alaska does not conduct a presidential primary. Candidates for President and Vice President are only on Alaska's General Election ballot.

RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES: In order to have a candidate's name on the General Election ballot, the national committees of political parties which are recognized political parties in the State of Alaska (currently the Alaska Democratic Party, Alaska Libertarian Party, Alaska Republican Party and the Alaskan Independence Party) select their presidential and vice presidential candidates in a manner prescribed by their party bylaws. The recognized political parties are responsible for sending the Division of Elections their official certificate of nomination with the names of their respective candidates for Alaska's General Election ballot no later than the withdrawal deadline for the November General Election, which is the 48th day prior to the election.

LIMITED POLITICAL PARTIES: As an alternative, a group who has established status with the State of Alaska as a *Limited Political Party* can also submit names for President and Vice President for the General Election ballot. A *Limited Political Party* is organized specifically for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President.

Limited Political Parties are governed by Alaska Statute 15.30.025, and a copy is enclosed for your review. To establish a *Limited Political Party,* a petition must be submitted to the Division of Elections at least 90 days before a Presidential General Election. That date is August 6, 2008 for the 2008 General Election. It must be signed by qualified voters of the State of Alaska equal to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for President at the last Presidential Election. The number of ballots cast for President in the 2004 Presidential Election was 314,502. Therefore, the number of qualified signatures required on the petition must be at least 3,145.

Enclosed is an application to establish a *Limited Political Party* in the State of Alaska, along with a sample signature page that can be copied and used to accumulate the appropriate number of signatures to establish the party. Each subscriber to the petition must provide their printed name, numerical identifier, signature, date of signature, and the address of each person signing the petition. The application, which includes the petition signatures, can be mailed to the Division of Elections at the above address.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES: A person may also file as an independent candidate for President of the United States by filing a petition with the Director of Elections not earlier than January 1 of a presidential election year and not later than the 90th day before a presidential general election. That date is August 6, 2008 for the 2008 General Election. The petition must be signed by qualified voters of the

state equal in number to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in an election under AS 15.30 for President of the United States at the last presidential general election. The number of ballots cast for President in the 2004 Presidential Election was 314,502. Therefore, the number of qualified signatures required on the petition must be at least 3,145. The petition must state that the signers desire the named candidate for President of the United States to appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for president at the next succeeding presidential general election.

In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate who has qualified for ballot status under AS 15.30.026(a) shall certify the following information to the Director of Elections on or before September 1 of the year of the presidential general election:

AS 15.30.026(b)

(1) the names of the electors for the independent candidate for President of the United States, equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress;
(2) the name of a candidate for Vice-President, selected by the independent candidate; and
(3) the name, Alaska mailing address, and signature of the candidate's state campaign chair, who must be an Alaska resident.

Enclosed is an application to file as an Independent Candidate in the State of Alaska, along with a sample signature page that can be copied and used to accumulate the appropriate number of signatures to establish the party. Each subscriber to the petition must provide their printed name, numerical identifier, signature, date of signature, and the address of each person signing the petition. The application, which includes the petition signatures, can be mailed to the Division of Elections at the above address.

STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
ELECTION LAW DATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Wednesday, August 6, 2008	A Limited Political Party petition for presidential candidates must be submitted to the Division of Elections by this date. The petition must have at least 3,145 signatures of registered Alaska voters. *AS 15.30.025(a)*
Wednesday, August 6, 2008	An Independent Candidate petition for presidential candidates must be submitted to the Division of Elections by this date. The petition must have at least 3,145 signatures of registered Alaska voters. *AS 15.30.026*
Saturday, August 30, 2008	Candidates for President and Vice President must have photographs, statements advocating their candidacy and the appropriate fee in the Division of Elections office by this date to be printed in the *Official Election Pamphlet*. *AS 15.58.030(a)*
Monday, September 1, 2008	Last day for political parties and qualified independent candidates to submit names of electors to the Division of Elections. *AS 15.30.020 & AS 15.30.026(b)*
Wednesday, September 17, 2008	Parties submit a certificate with the names of their candidates for President and Vice President to appear on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot by this date.
Wednesday, September 17, 2008	Last day for a candidate to withdraw their name from the General Election ballot. *AS 15.25.200*
Thursday, September 18, 2008	Ballot layout certified for printing.
Thursday, October 30, 2008	Last day to file a *Letter of Intent* as a write-in candidate for the 2008 General Election. *AS 15.25.105 (c)*
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	General Election Day. *AS 15.15.020*
Monday, December 15, 2008	Electors meet at 11:00 a.m. to cast their votes for President and Vice President. *AS 15.30.070*

STATE OF ALASKA
APPLICATION FOR LIMITED POLITICAL PARTY

Return this application and the signature pages to:

Division of Elections
PO Box 110017
Juneau, AK 99811-0017

We, the attached named qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition to become a Limited Political Party for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next presidential election under AS 15.30.025. Our Limited Political Party shall be known as:

_____

NOTE: Party name or an abbreviation of the party name will appear on the ballot following the candidate's name. The group may not assume a name which is so similar to an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters.

	CONTACT PERSON:	ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON:
NAME:	_____	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
PHONE #:	_____	_____

_____ _____
Signature of Designated Contact Person Date
Representing the Limited Political Party

PETITION FOR LIMITED POLITICAL PARTIES

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition to become a Limited Political Party under AS 15.30.025 and to be known as the _____ Party for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next presidential election.

	PRINTED NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)	ADDRESS AND CITY	IDENTIFIER (Voter Number, DOB, ADL, State ID # or last 4 of SSN)	SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
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STATE OF ALASKA
APPLICATION FOR AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

Return this application and the signature pages to:

Division of Elections
PO Box 110017
Juneau, AK 99811-0017

We, the attached named qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition that

_____ appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for
Name of Independent Candidate

President of the United States at the next succeeding presidential general election under

AS 15.30.026.

***Note: The Director of Elections may not include on the ballot as part of candidate's name, any honorary or assumed title or prefix but may include in the candidate's name any nickname or familiar form of a proper name of the candidate. [AS 15.15.030(4)]**

	CONTACT PERSON:	ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON:
NAME:	_____	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
PHONE #:	_____	_____

_____ _____
Signature of Designated Contact Person Date
Representing the Independent Candidate

PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

We, the undersigned qualified voters of the State of Alaska, hereby petition that_____ appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for President of the United States at the next succeeding presidential general election under AS 15.30.026.

	PRINTED NAME (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)	ADDRESS AND CITY	IDENTIFIER (Voter Number, DOB, ADL, State ID # or last 4 of SSN)	SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
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EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

Chapter 30. National Elections.

Article

1. President (15.30.010 - 15.30.100)
2. United States Congress (15.30.110 - 15.030.120)

Article 1. President

Section

10. Provision for selection of electors
20. Number and manner of selecting candidates
25. Qualifications for limited political parties
30. Qualification of electors
40. Requirement of party pledge
50. Interpretation of votes cast for candidates for President and Vice President
60. Notification of electors
70. Place and time of meeting
80. Filling of vacancies
90. Duties of electors
100. Compensation of electors

Sec. 15.30.010. Provision of selection of electors. Electors of President and Vice President of the United States are selected by election at the general election in presidential election years. (Sec. 6.01 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 10 ch 71 SLA 1972)

Sec. 15.30.020. Number and manner of selecting candidates. Each political party shall select a number of candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress. The candidates for electors shall be selected by the state party convention or in any other manner prescribed by the bylaws of the party. The chairman and secretary of the state convention or any other party official designated by the party bylaws shall certify a list of the names of candidates for electors to the director on or before September 1 in presidential election years. (Sec 6.02 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 143 ch 100 SLA 1980)

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

Sec. 15.30.025. Qualifications for limited political parties. (a) A limited political party may be organized for the purpose of selecting candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States by filing with the director at least 90 days before a presidential general election a petition signed by qualified voters of the state equaling in number at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for President at the last presidential election. The petition shall state that the signers intend to organize a limited political party, that they intend to select candidates for electors of President and Vice President of the United States at the next succeeding presidential election, and the name of the limited political party.

(b) A limited political party organized under this section may not assume a name which is so similar to an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election. If the director determines that the name of the limited political party set out in a petition is confusing or misleading, the director may refuse to accept the petition for filing.

(c) A limited political party organized under this section ceases to be a limited political party if its presidential candidate fails to receive at least three percent of the number of voters who cast ballots for the office of President at a presidential election. (Sec. 1 ch 160 SLA 1970; am sec. 144 ch 100 SLA 1980; am secs. 28, 29 ch 85 SLA 1986)

Sec. 15.30.026. Qualifications for independent candidates for President of the United States; selection of candidate for Vice-President; selection of electors.
(a) A person who desires to be an independent candidate for President of the United
States must file with the director not earlier than Janueary 1 of a presidential election year and not later than the 90th day before a presidential general election a petition signed by qualified voters of the state equal in number to at least one percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in an election under this chapter for President of the United States at the last presidential general election. The petition must state that the signers desire the named candidate for President of the United States to appear on the ballot as an independent candidate for president at the next succeeding presidential general election.

(b) In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate who has qualified for ballot status under (a) of this section shall certify the following information to the director on or before September 1 of the year of the presidential general election:

(1) the names of the electors for the independent candidate for President of the United States, equal to the number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in Congress;

(2) the name of a candidate for Vice-President, selected by the independent candidate: and

EXCERPT FROM ALASKA STATUTE TITLE 15

(3) the name, Alaska mailing address, and signature of the candidate's state campaign chair, who must be an Alaska resident.

Sec. 15.30.030. Qualification of electors. Any qualified voter except a United States senator or representative or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States may be selected as a candidate for elector. (Sec. 6.03 ch 83 SLA 1960)

Sec. 15.30.040. Requirement of party pledge. The party shall require from each candidate for elector a pledge that as an elector the person will vote for the candidates nominated by the party of which the person is a candidate. (Sec. 6.04 ch 83 SLA 1960)

Sec. 15.30.050. Interpretation of votes cast for candidates for President and Vice President. In voting for presidential electors, a vote marked for the candidates for President and Vice President is considered and counted as a vote for the presidential electors of the party. (Sec 6.05 ch 83 SLA 1960)

Sec. 15.30.060. Notification of electors. When the results of the election of presidential electors have been determined, the director shall send a certificate of election to each elector and shall notify the electors of the time and place of their meeting and of their duties as electors. (Sec. 6.06 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 145 ch 100 SLA 1980)

Sec. 15.30.070. Place and time of meeting. The electors shall meet at the office of the director or other place designated by the director at 11:00 o'clock in the morning on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following their election. If Congress fixes a different day for the meeting, the electors shall meet on the day designated by the Act of Congress. (Sec. 6.07 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 146 ch 100 SLA 1980)

Sec. 15.30.080. Filling of vacancies. If there is a vacancy caused by death, failure to attend, ineligibility or other cause, and if available alternates have not been designated, the electors shall fill the vacancy by plurality vote. (Sec. 6.08 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 25 ch 136 SLA 1966)

Sec. 15.30.090. Duties of electors. After any vacancies have been filled, the electors shall proceed to cast their votes for the candidates for the office of President

and Vice President of the party which selected them as candidates for electors and shall perform the duties of electors as required by the constitution and laws of the United States. The director shall provide administrative services and the Department of Law shall provide legal services necessary for the electors to perform their duties. (Sec. 6.09 ch 83 SLA 1960; am sec. 147 ch 100 SLA 1980)

Sec. 15.30.100. Compensation of electors. Each elector is entitled to receive from the state treasure the same per diem and travel expenses allowed members of the legislature. (Sec. 6.10 ch 83 SLA 1960; sec. 25 ch 14 SLA 1987)

STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
Information for Write-in Candidates for President and Vice President in the 2008 General Election

GENERAL INFORMATION

To be recognized as a write-in candidate for the 2008 General Election, write-in candidates must file with the Division of Elections a Letter of Intent form. Write-in votes will not be counted unless the Letter of Intent has been filed. *(AS 15.25.105)*

For the November 4, 2008 General Election, the Write-in Candidates' ***Letter of Intent must be filed no later than October 30, 2008***. *[AS 15.25.105 (c)]*

A write-in vote is the writing in of the candidate's name with the oval filled in next to the name. A blank space is provided for each race on the General Election ballot for this purpose. To be a valid write-in vote, the voter must write in the name as it appears on the Write-in Candidate's Letter of Intent or write in the last name of the candidate. *Either way, the voter must mark the oval next to the candidate's name for the vote to be counted.* *[6AAC 25.070 (c)]*

Following are the qualifications for the office of President and Vice President of the United States:

> **PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:** 35 years of age; a natural born citizen, and a 14-year resident of the United States.

In a presidential race, the President and Vice President run as a team, and one vote is a vote for the team. Space is provided for the voter to write in the names of choices for both offices.

The Division of Elections uses an Optical Scan and Touch Screen ballot tabulation system. ***Pre-printed stickers with candidates' names may not be used on the ballot***. *[6AAC 25.070 (a)]*

The Director of the Division of Elections prepares all official ballots to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity in the voting procedure, to reflect most accurately the intent of the voter, and to expedite the administration of elections. With respect to write-in candidates, Alaska law requires a provision to be made for voting for write-in candidates within each section of the official ballot of the General Election. (AS 15.15.030)

The candidate must check with the Federal Election Commission for financial reporting requirements.

A Letter of Intent (Form A34) is attached for your filing needs.

STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
Information for Write-in Candidates for President and Vice President in the 2008 General Election

HOW WRITE-IN VOTES ARE COUNTED

Write-in votes are reported as a group in each race, combining votes for all write-ins.

The votes will be counted for each individual write-in candidate if the candidate has filed a Letter of Intent with the Division of Elections as required, AND

the total of all votes cast for all write-in candidates for the particular office is:

- the highest number of votes received by any candidate for the office; or
- the total number of write-in votes in a race is the second highest, and the difference between the number of write-in votes and the highest votes received by a candidate is less than .5%

The Director of the Division of Elections will determine the time and place to count write-in votes if the above requirements have been met. (*6AAC 25.085)*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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999 E Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20463
(800) 424-9530 or (202) 219-3420

FEC's Web: www.fec.gov

STATE OF ALASKA LETTER OF INTENT
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Please check: _____ We acknowledge we are responsible for contacting the Federal Election Commission for federal reporting requirements: 999 E St., N.W., Washington, DC 20463

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type)

I, _____, declare myself to be a candidate for the office of:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

I, _____, declare myself to be a candidate for the office of:

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We are write-in candidates for the **November 4, 2008 General Election** ballot.

We are registered under and are candidates of the _____ political party **OR**
(Party Name)

We are candidates of the _____ political group **OR** _____ (Please Check) We are not affiliated with a political group or party
(Group Name)

RESIDENCY INFORMATION – CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

My current residence address is: _____ _____, _____ _____
(Use street #, mile post, or other physical location description) (City) (State) (Zip)

I have lived at this address since _____, _____.
(MM/DD) (YY)

My mailing address is: _____ _____, _____ _____
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

RESIDENCY INFORMATION – CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

My current residence address is: _____ _____, _____ _____
(Use street #, mile post, or other physical location description) (City) (State) (Zip)

I have lived at this address since _____, _____.
(MM/DD) (YY)

My mailing address is: _____ _____, _____ _____
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact's Name: _____ Contact's Phone Number _____

Mailing address: _____ _____, _____ _____
(Mailing Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

We are requesting voters to write our names as follows:

_____, _____ _____ _____
(For President - Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Nickname and/or Suffix)

_____, _____ _____ _____
(For Vice-President - Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Nickname and/or Suffix)

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, certify that the information in this *Letter of Intent* is true and complete, and that we meet the specific residency and citizenship requirements of this office. We further certify that we shall meet the age requirements upon taking the oath of office, if elected. We are not candidates for any other office to be voted upon at the General Election in Alaska, nor are we candidates for this office under any other means of declaring candidacy.

Please provide SSN# or DOB for candidate identification:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
(Signature of candidate for President) (Date) (Home Phone) (Work Phone) (SSN# or DOB)

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
(Signature of candidate for Vice-President) (Date) (Home Phone) (Work Phone) (SSN# or DOB)

THE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS MUST RECEIVE THIS FORM NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008
RETURN THIS FORM TO: DIVISION OF ELECTIONS, PO BOX 110017, JUNEAU AK 99811-0017