

CHAPTER 16
SB 344 - FINAL VERSION

2024 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to declarations of candidacy for president of the United States.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Gendreau, Dist 1; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Berry, Hills. 39

COMMITTEE:

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the declaration of candidacy for president of the United States signed by presidential candidates to list the primary date as designated by the secretary of state.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 16:1 Declarations of Candidacy. Amend RSA 655:47, I to read as follows:

2 I. The names of any persons to be voted upon as candidates for president at the presidential
3 primary shall be printed on the ballots upon the filing of declarations of candidacy with the secretary of
4 state in the following form and signed by the candidate:

5 I, _____, swear under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to be a candidate for
6 president of the United States pursuant to article II, section 1, clause 4 of the United States Constitution,
7 which states, "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the
8 adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible
9 to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident
10 within the United States." I further declare that I am domiciled in _____, in the city (or town or
11 unincorporated place) of _____, county of _____, state of _____, that I
12 am a registered member of the _____ party or that I am a recognized candidate for President in the
13 party in which I desire to file; that I am a candidate for nomination for the office of president to be made at
14 the primary election to be held on [the _____ day of _____] ***the date so designated by the secretary***
15 ***of state***, and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of said _____
16 party as a candidate for such nomination.

16:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 14, 2024
Effective Date: July 13, 2024