

REFERENCE TITLE: **presidential candidates; disqualification; prohibition**

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## **HB 2786**

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-242, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-242, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 16-242. Qualifications for ballot; nomination paper;  
5 petitions

6 A. A person seeking nomination as a candidate for the office of  
7 president of the United States shall sign and cause to be filed with the  
8 secretary of state a nomination paper that contains the following  
9 information:

10 1. The name, residence address and mailing address of the  
11 candidate.

12 2. The name of the recognized political party from which the person  
13 seeks nomination.

14 3. The name and address of the chairman of the candidate's state  
15 committee.

16 4. The exact manner for printing the candidate's name on the  
17 presidential preference ballot pursuant to section 16-311.

18 B. The nomination paper shall be filed not less than one hundred  
19 days nor more than one hundred thirty days before the presidential  
20 preference election and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for  
21 filing. If the last day for filing falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal  
22 holiday, the nomination paper shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on  
23 the next business day.

24 C. A candidate for the office of president of the United States  
25 shall file with the secretary of state nomination petitions signed by at  
26 least five hundred qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the  
27 candidate whose nomination petition they are signing for that election or,  
28 for recognized parties with fewer than fifty thousand registered voters,  
29 nomination petitions signed by at least five hundred qualified electors of  
30 any political party affiliation who, at the time they sign, are registered  
31 voters. The nomination petitions shall be filed within the time period  
32 prescribed by subsection B of this section.

33 D. Nomination petitions shall conform to the requirements of  
34 section 16-314.

35 E. In lieu of the petition requirements of this section, a  
36 candidate may qualify to appear on the presidential preference election  
37 ballot of the candidate's political party by filing with the secretary of  
38 state during the time period prescribed by subsection B of this section a  
39 notice of candidacy signed by the candidate and evidence that by the  
40 filing deadline the candidate's name is qualified to appear on the  
41 presidential preference election ballot of the candidate's political party  
42 in at least two other states.

1           F. Within seventy-two hours after the close of filing the secretary  
2 of state shall certify to the officer in charge of elections the names of  
3 the candidates who are qualified for the presidential preference election  
4 ballot.

5           G. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, FOR THE 2024 ELECTION, IF THE  
6 NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANY STATE FOR EITHER OF THE  
7 TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES IN THAT STATE HAS BEEN OR IS DISQUALIFIED  
8 FROM THAT STATE'S BALLOT FOR ANY REASON, THE NAME OF THE NOMINEE OF THE  
9 OTHER OF THE TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES IN THIS STATE AND THAT  
10 NOMINEE'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS SHALL NOT BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOT IN THIS  
11 STATE, AND IF PRINTED, ANY VOTES FOR THAT NOMINEE OR THAT NOMINEE'S  
12 ELECTORS SHALL NOT BE TALLIED OR INCLUDED IN ANY CANVASS.