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Nonpartisan Write-In Affidavit

Filing Periods: PRIMARY: JANUARY 5, 2026 to MAY 1, 2026

GENERAL: JANUARY 5, 2026 to OCTOBER 23, 2026

For Election Office's Use Only		
Initials:		

This is to certify my intent to seek the:				
Nonpartisan office of				
as a write-in candidate at the Primary / General Election. (Circle type of election)				
Candidate Name:				
Address:				
(Street Address where you reside & are registered to vote) (City, State, & Zip Code)				
Phone Number:				
Dated this,				
(Day) (Month) (Year)				
Printed Name				
Signature				
State of Nebraska)				
) ss.				
County of)				
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this day of, (Month)				
(Day) (Month) (Year)				
(16a)				
(Seal)				
Signature of Officer Administering Oath Title (e.g., County Clerk, Notary Public)				

Write-in candidate; requirements - §32-615

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, any candidate engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign shall file a notarized affidavit of his or her intent together with the receipt for any filing fee with the filing officer as provided in section 32-608 no earlier than January 5 and no later than the second Friday prior to the election.
- (2) For any county office elected pursuant to sections 32-517 to 32-529 which is subject to subdivision (1)(b) of section 32-811, a candidate may engage in or pursue a write-in campaign if he or she files a notarized affidavit of his or her intent together with the receipt for the filing fee with the filing officer as provided in section 32-608 on or before March 3 of the year of the statewide primary election. If such an affidavit is filed as prescribed, the election commissioner or county clerk shall place that county office on the statewide primary election ballot with the names of the candidate properly filed for the nomination of the applicable political party and a line for write-in candidates.
- (3) A candidate submitting an affidavit under this section for a partisan office on the statewide primary election ballot shall be a registered voter of the political party named in the affidavit unless the political party allows candidates not affiliated with the party by not adopting a rule under section 32-702.
- (4) A candidate who has been defeated as a candidate in the primary election or defeated as a write-in candidate in the primary election shall not be eligible as a write-in candidate for the same office in the general election unless (a) a vacancy on the ballot exists pursuant to section 32-625 or (b) the candidate was a candidate for an office described in sections 32-512 to 32-550 and the candidate lost the election as a result of a determination pursuant to section 32-1122 in the case of a tie vote.
- (5) A candidate who files a notarized affidavit shall be entitled to all write-in votes for the candidate even if only the last name of the candidate has been written if such last name is reasonably close to the proper spelling.
- (6) If any candidate who has filed pursuant to this section notifies the filing officer in writing duly acknowledged by the second Friday prior to the election that the candidate declines to be a write-in candidate, the notarized affidavit shall be considered withdrawn and no votes shall be counted for the withdrawn candidate under sections 32-1005 to 32-1008.

Write-in vote; when valid - §32-1005

If the last name or a reasonably close spelling of the last name of a person engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign pursuant to section 32-615 or 32-633 is written or printed on a line provided for that purpose and the square or oval opposite such line has been marked with a cross or other clear, intelligible mark, the vote shall be valid and the ballot shall be counted except as provided in section 32-1007. A write-in vote for a person who is not engaged in or pursuing a write-in campaign pursuant to section 32-615 or 32-633 shall not be counted.

Write-in totals; how reported - §32-1008.

If the write-in vote in the county for a person pursuing a write-in campaign pursuant to section 32-615 or 32-633 totals less than five percent of the vote for such office in the county and the election commissioner or county clerk believes that such vote will not impact the outcome of the election, the number of write-in votes for that office may be counted and listed together as one total.