

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 661

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-708A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 34-708A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-708A. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. (1) Persons who desire to be independent candidates for the offices of president and vice president, must file declarations of candidacy as independent candidates ~~during the period set forth in section 34-704, Idaho Code~~ no later than August 1. Such declarations must state that such persons are offering themselves as independent candidates and must declare that they have no political party affiliation. The declarations shall have attached thereto a petition signed by one thousand (1,000) qualified electors.

(2) The candidates for president and vice president shall be considered as candidates for one (1) office, and only one (1) such petition need be filed for both offices.

(3) Signatures on the petitions required in this section shall be verified no later than September 1 in the manner prescribed in section 34-1807, Idaho Code, on a form similar to that used for recall petitions under chapter 17, title 34, Idaho Code, as prescribed by the secretary of state; except that the petition circulators are not required to be Idaho residents. The secretary of state shall certify candidate qualifications no later than September 1.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.