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Communicating about who is - and isn't - on the ballot

While it is common for candidates to drop out of a race, a lot of attention has been placed on which presidential candidates voters will see on their ballots in November, particularly given [legal challenges from RFK Jr.](#) to be removed from the ballot in states like North Carolina, and Wisconsin, and to remain on the ballot in Michigan.

How are these developments affecting election administration? Election offices across the country are either ballot proofing or have already printed ballots, many of which will be ready to mail to voters abroad, in compliance with The [Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act](#).

What information is communicated by state election offices around candidate qualifications, and who is making it on the ballot? Here is our summary from August 8 and September 5, 2024.

Topic	Details	State and Office
Ballot forfeiture	Owing fines by candidates or parties will render candidates ineligible to have their names on the ballot.	Illinois State Board of Elections
Timely campaign finance disclosure	Campaign finance reports deadlines and timely disclosures	Delaware Department of Elections Vermont Secretary of State
How to qualify as a candidate	Find information about qualifying, campaign finance, running for office.	Louisiana Secretary of State Idaho Secretary of State

Candidate nominations	Candidates nominated by political parties	Delaware Department of Elections
Independent and write-in candidates	Presidential candidates who are not affiliated with political parties Independent candidate qualification deadlines	Utah Office of Lt. Gov. Arizona Secretary of State Mississippi Secretary of State Illinois State Board of Elections
Candidate withdrawals	Candidates who withdrawn their nomination	Delaware Department of Elections Ohio Secretary of State Alaska Division of Elections
Certification of Candidate and parties for ballot inclusion	Candidates and parties who qualified	Washington Office of the Secretary of State Missouri Secretary of State Illinois State Board of Election Alaska Division of Elections
Part and candidate ballot order	Party and candidate ballot drawing	South Dakota Secretary of State
Presidential elector candidates challenges	Challenges to petitions filed to nominate slates of candidates for presidential electors	Maine Department of the Secretary of State
Contest of election deadlines	Deadlines for candidates to file a contest of election	Oklahoma State Election Board

Spotlight: RFK Jr. and Ballot Access



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Secretary Ashcroft issued certificates of sufficiency for two signature petitions filed with the secretary of state's office on July 29 – the Green Party, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., independent candidate for President.

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Michael Adams, KY Secretary of State
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Today at 3:30, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. filed to run for president in Kentucky. Having just completed review of his submission of signatures, we are placing him on the ballot.

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In response to all the questions we are being asked about who should be on the ballot in NC, see our statement below and read our press release here: tinyurl.com/msvj235c

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The political parties nominate presidential candidates to appear on the ballot. Joe Biden was not nominated by the Democratic Party as its presidential candidate for the 2024 general election. He was never on the North Carolina general election ballot. Kamala Harris is, because she is the nominee of the Democratic Party. Similarly, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was nominated by the We The People Party as its presidential candidate to appear on the ballot. Because the We The People Party requested that Kennedy be removed from the ballot after 1.7 million ballots had already been printed, and changing ballots now would reduce the absentee voting period in North Carolina, the State Board rejected the request to remove his name.

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