

Presidential Elections

Candidates for U.S. president and vice president may appear on the general election ballot in one of two ways:

- As a nominee of a political party qualified to place candidates on the primary or general election ballot; or
- As a nominee of a party or group not otherwise qualified to place candidates on the ballot, but for the fact that the group has met the presidential petition requirements.

Hawaii does not have a presidential primary or provisions for write-in voting.

Qualifications

All candidates must be a natural born citizen of the United States, a resident of the United States for 14 years prior to election, and at least 35 years of age.

Nominee of a Qualified Political Party

Qualified political parties in the State of Hawaii must file a sworn application of their choices for president and vice president with the chief election officer before **September 4, 2020, 4:30 pm**. The application must include:

- The names and address of each of the two candidates
- A statement that each candidate is legally qualified to serve under the provisions of the United States Constitution
- A statement that candidates are duly chosen candidates of both the state and national party, giving time, place, and manner of selection

Presidential Petition

To request a presidential petition, submit the following to the Office of Elections:

- *Application for Petition to be a Candidate for President and Vice President*
- *A notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Candidate for President and Vice President*

The forms are available through the Office of Elections at www.elections.hawaii.gov.

Upon receipt of the completed application form and notarized statements of intent, the Office of Elections will issue the petition.

The petition must contain **4,377** signatures of currently registered voters in the State of Hawaii. This constitutes not less than one percent of the votes cast in the State at the last presidential election.¹

Withdrawal of Signatures

A voter may withdrawal his/her signature from a petition, as long as the petition has not been filed. A notice must be submitted to the chief election officer that includes the voter's name, Social Security Number, residence address, date of birth, and signature. The chief election officer will notify the group or individual that the signature will not be counted.

Filing Presidential Petition

The deadline to file a presidential petition is **August 5, 2020, 4:30 pm**.

The applicant and candidates will be notified of their eligibility or disqualification for placement on the ballot before 4:30 pm on the tenth business day after filing.

Objections

An objection can be made to the eligibility or disqualification by the applicant or any other party, individual, or group with a candidate on the presidential ballot. The objection must be filed in writing with the chief election officer by 4:30 pm on the fifth day after the initial determination. A hearing will be commenced no later than 4:30 pm on the tenth day after receipt of the objection. A decision will be issued

¹ In the 2016 presidential election 437,664 votes were cast.

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Presidential Electors and Alternates

The names and addresses of the presidential electors and alternates must be submitted to the chief election officer by **September 4, 2020, 4:30 pm**.

Electoral College

The presidential electors will assemble at the State Capitol on **December 14, 2020 at 2:00 pm**.

For complete information, please refer to U.S. Constitution, Article, II, Section 1; and HRS §§11-6, 11-113, and Chapter 14.

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