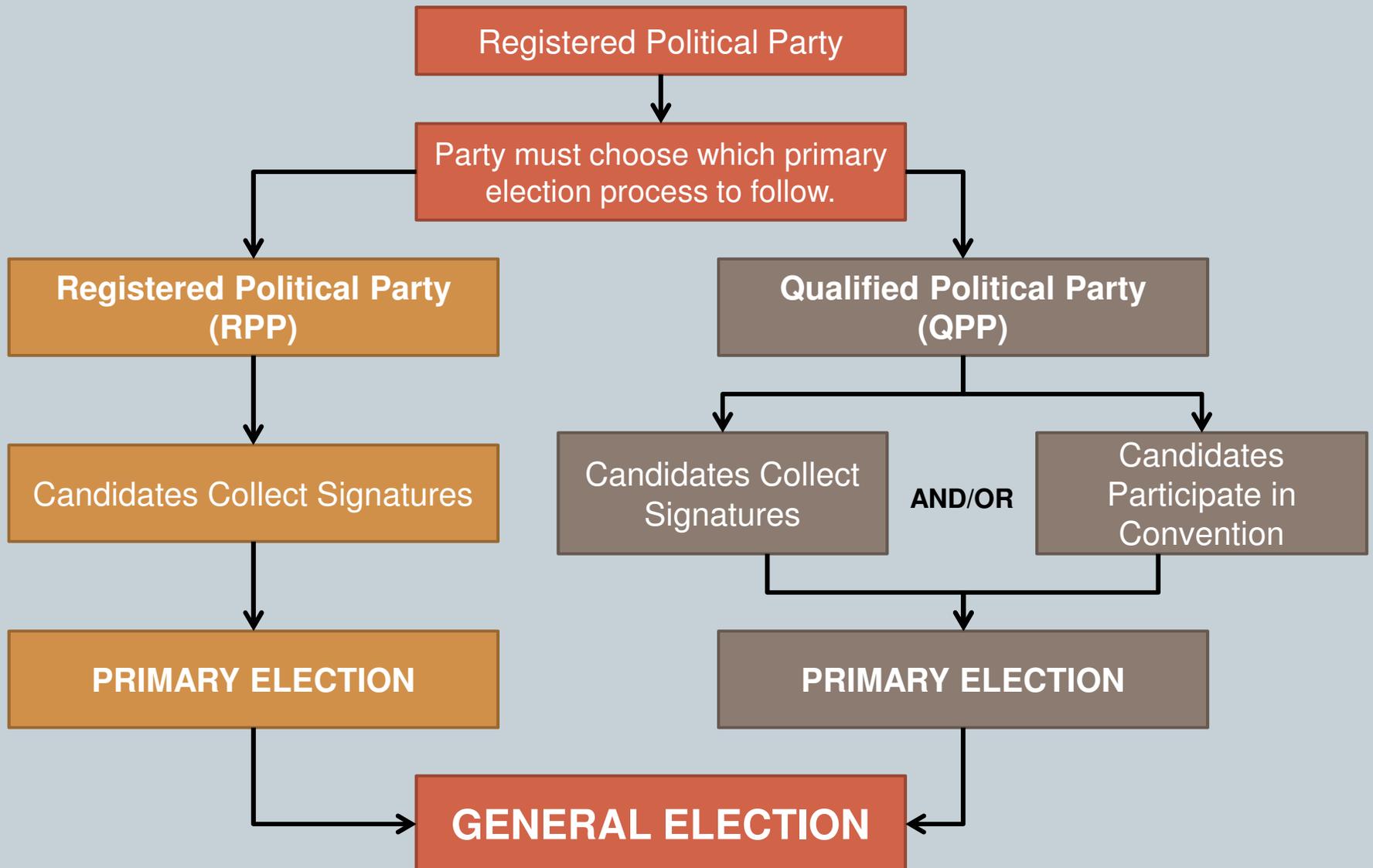


# UTAH'S NEW PRIMARY PROCESS

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Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office

# Utah's New Primary Process



# Current Political Parties in Utah

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- Constitution Party (QPP)



- Democratic Party (QPP)



- Independent American Party (QPP)



- Libertarian Party (QPP)

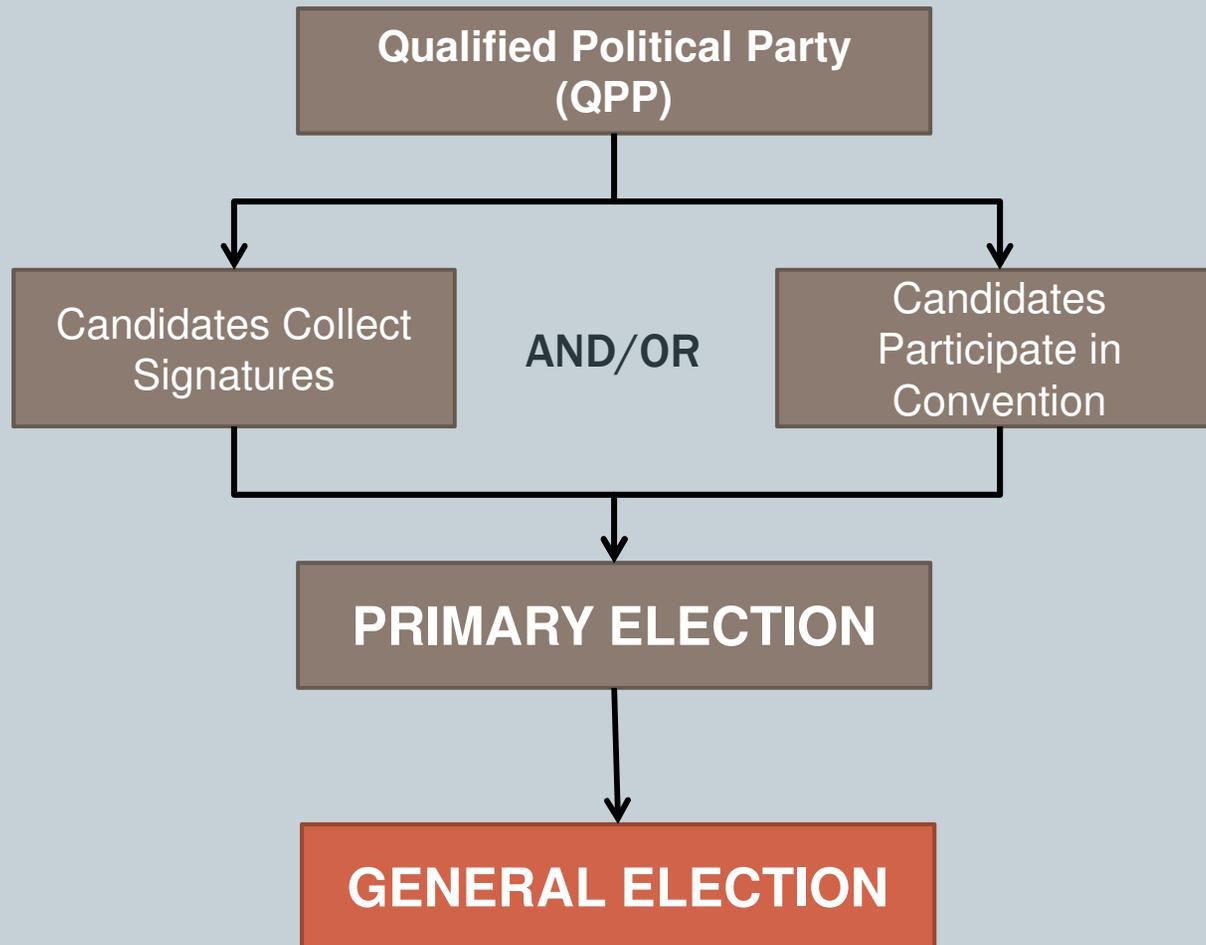


- Republican Party (QPP)



# Qualified Political Party

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- QPP candidates can gather signatures, go through convention, or do BOTH.

# QPP: Convention

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Candidate declares  
candidacy

**March 11, 2016 – March 17, 2016**

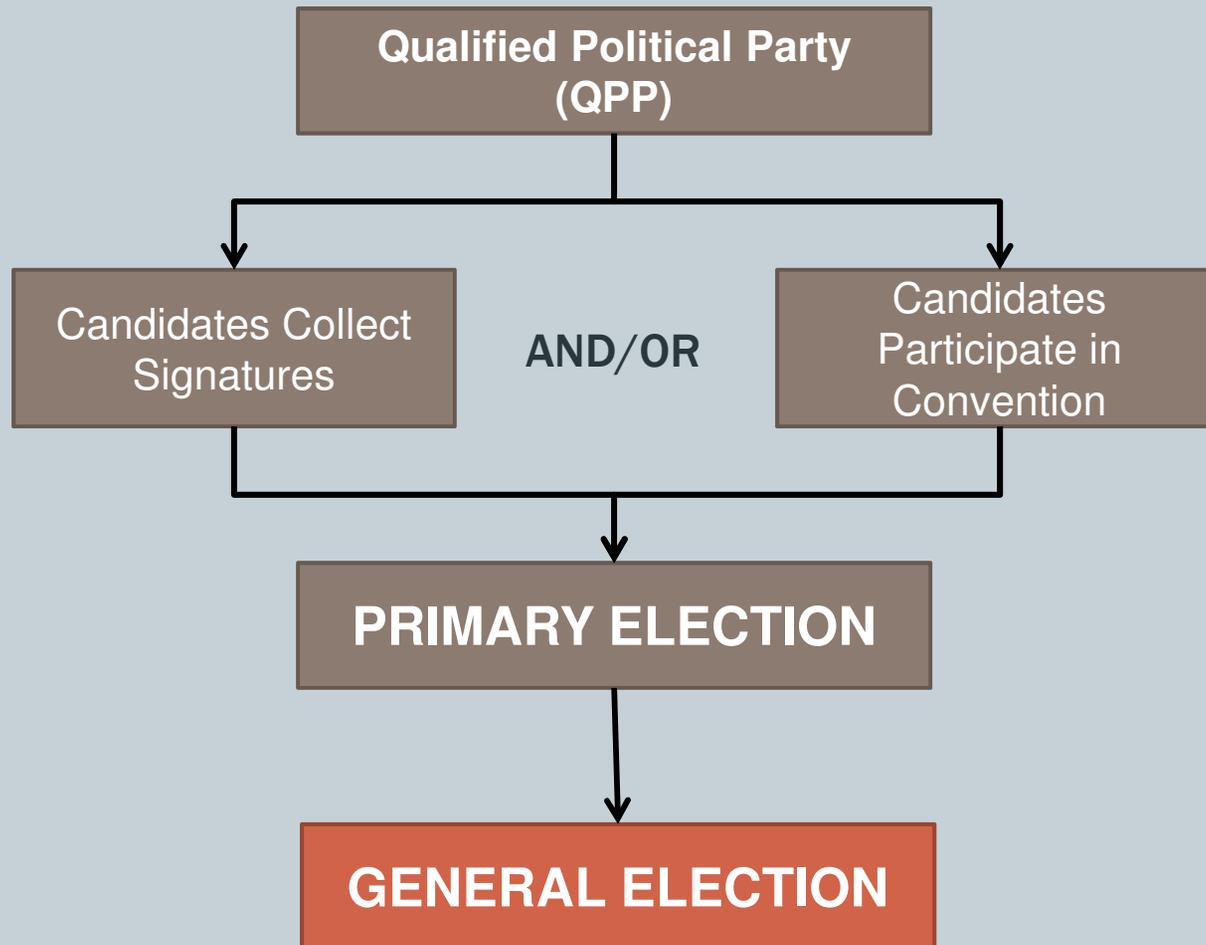
Candidate is nominated  
at convention

**Date is set by political party  
(Late March – April)**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

# Qualified Political Party

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# QPP: Gathering Signatures

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Candidate declares their intent to gather signatures

**January 4, 2016 - March 17, 2016**

Candidate gathers signatures

**After candidate declares intent to gather signatures**

Candidate declares candidacy

**March 11, 2016 - March 17, 2016**

Candidate submits signatures

**Two weeks prior to the candidate's convention (mid-March through April)**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

# QPP Petitions - Who Can Sign?

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- Residents of the district
- Allowed to vote in the political party's primary election
  - All QPP parties must allow unaffiliated voters to participate in their primary election.
    - (Does not apply to Republican Party or Constitution Party)
- Registered to vote in Utah
- Voters can only sign for one candidate per race.

# **QPP Signature Requirements**

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- **Statewide office (Governor, U.S. Senate): 28,000**
- **U.S. House of Representatives: 7,000**
- **Utah State Senate: 2,000**
- **Utah State House of Representatives: 1,000**
- **County Office: 3% of voters permitted to vote in the party's primary election who live in the same district or area.**



Candidate Petition: Instruction for Signers  
Cactus Party of Utah Candidate

Candidate Name: Ron Swanson Office: Utah State House District: 105

Party Affiliation of Candidate: Cactus Party

Address: 123 Cabin Street City: Pawnee Zip Code: 84444



In accordance with Utah Code §20A-9-406, a qualified political party candidate may collect petition signatures to get on the primary election ballot. A qualified political party candidate may get their name on the primary ballot through the political party's convention, gathering signatures, or both.

As signers of this petition, we:

- Affirm to be registered voters of the State of Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the election official certifies the signatures in this petition; and
- Live in the district or area in which this candidate is seeking office;
- Understand that it is a class A misdemeanor to knowingly sign this petition with any name other than a person's own name, or more than once for the same candidate and/or office; and
- Affirm to be members of a party that is eligible to sign this petition (Cactus Party) OR affirm to not be affiliated with any party; and
- Nominate Ron Swanson to run for the office and district of Utah State House 105.

Packet Number (For Office Use Only)





Candidate Name: Ron Swanson

Race: Utah State House 105

**2016 Verification**

Per Utah Code 20A-9-405(4), if one or more nomination petitions are bound together, this page shall be bound to the nomination petition(s) in order for the petition circulator to verify the petition signatures.

**Verification**

State of Utah }  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that this petition packet contains \_\_\_\_\_ verifiable signatures.  
Petition Circulator

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ County hereby state that:  
Petition Circulator

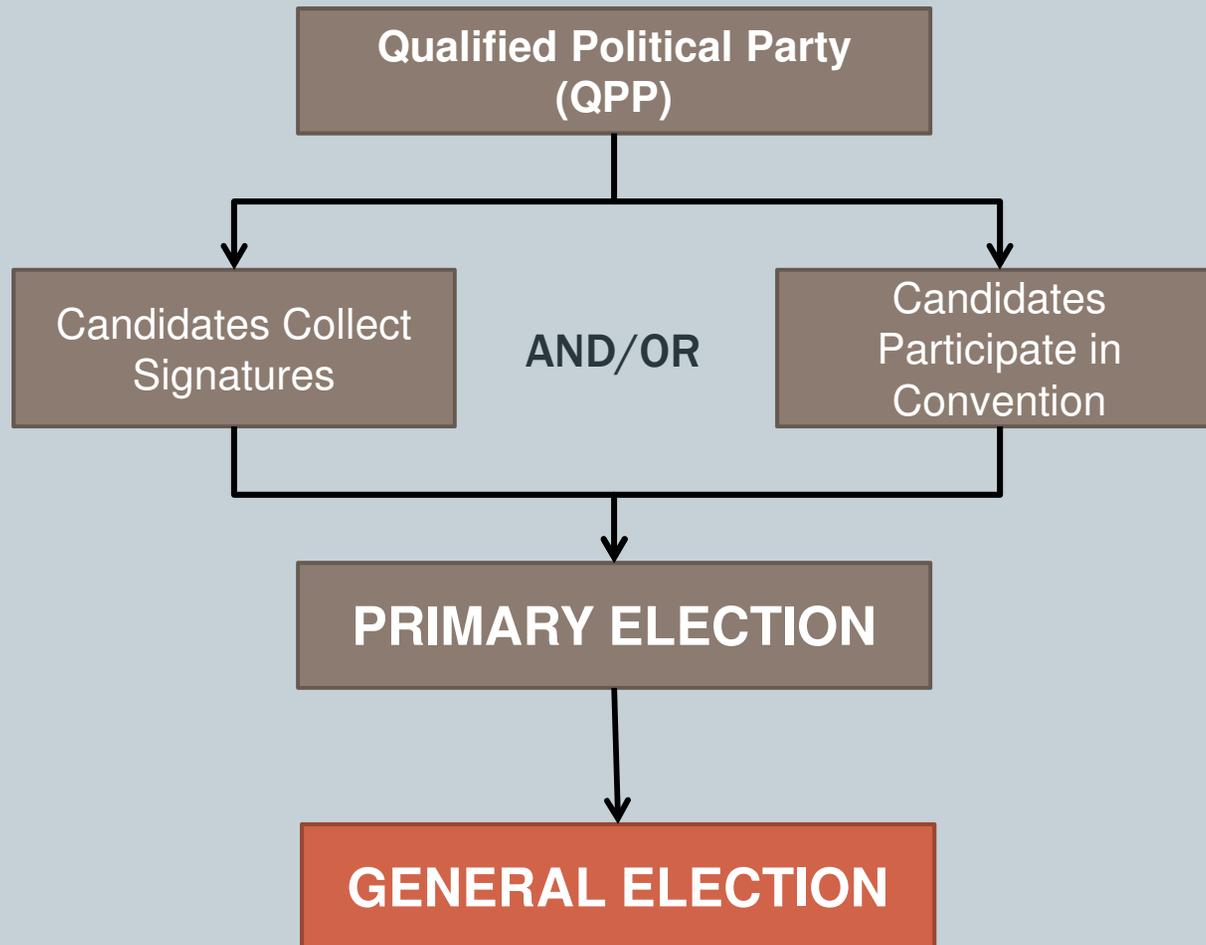
I am a Utah resident and am at least 18 years old; and  
All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were, to the best of my knowledge, signed by the persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence; and  
I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's street address correctly, and that each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the election officer certifies the signatures on the signature sheet; and  
I have not paid or given anything of value to any person who signed this petition to encourage that person to sign it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petition Circulator

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Date

# Qualified Political Party

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# **Rules: R623-4-1. Purpose**

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- A. Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Subsection 20A-9-403(3)(f), this rule provides for the transparent orderly, and timely submission, verification, and certification of nomination petition signatures.**
  
- B. Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 20A-9-410, this rule provides procedures for complying with, and verifying compliance with, the candidate nominating process described in that part.**

## **Rules: R623-4-2. Authority**

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**This rule is required by Chapter 9 of Title 20A, Candidate Qualifications and Nominating Procedures, and is enacted under the authority of the Utah Constitution Art. VII, Sections 1 and 14, and Chapter 3 of Title 63G, the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.**

## **Rules: R623-4-3. Definitions**

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**A. "Filing Officer" for the purposes of this section means:**

- 1. The Lieutenant Governor will serve as the filing officer for federal, state and multicounty legislative races.**
- 2. The County Clerk will serve as the filing officer for single county legislative races.**

# Rules: R623-4-3. Filing Officer

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<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Declare Intent to Gather Signatures</b>	<b>Declare Candidacy</b>	<b>Submit Petition Signatures</b>	<b>Verify Petition Signatures</b>
<b>Federal</b>	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor
<b>Statewide</b>	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor
<b>Multi-County Offices</b>	County in which the candidate resides	County in which the candidate resides	Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor
<b>Single-County Offices</b>	County in which the candidate resides	County in which the candidate resides	County in which the candidate resides	County in which the candidate resides

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**A. Nomination Petition Packet Submission Procedure.**

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- 1. Any candidate who submits a nomination petition for verification shall submit their nomination petition packets, personally or by a designated agent, to the filing officer before the deadlines established in UCA Sections 20A-9-403 and 20A-9-408.**
- 2. Any submission of nomination petition packets must contain sufficient signatures to meet or exceed the qualification threshold.**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**A. Nomination Petition Packet Submission Procedure.**

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**3. At the time of submitting any nomination petition, a candidate or designated agent must provide, on a form provided by the filing officer:**

- a. The candidate's contact information.**
- b. The estimated number of nomination petition packets in the submission.**
- c. The estimated number of signatures in the submission.**
- d. A signed statement that the candidate has gathered the amount of signatures, required to meet the qualification threshold.**



**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**A. Nomination Petition Packet Submission Procedure.**

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- 4. The filing officer shall provide the candidate a receipt of the submission that includes:**
- a. The date and submission time.**
  - b. A copy of the form required by Subsection (A)(3).**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**A. Nomination Petition Packet Submission Procedure.**

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- 5. The filing officer shall reject a submission if:**
- a. The candidate fails to provide the form required in Subsection (A)(3);**
  - b. The candidate did not gather the amount of signatures required to meet or exceeds the qualification threshold;**
  - c. The candidate did not meet the submission deadline established in Utah Code Sections 20A-9-403 and 20A-9-408; or**
  - d. The candidate has already met the qualification threshold.**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**B. Supplementing Nomination Petition Packets.**

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**1. Candidates may submit supplemental nomination petition packets following their first submission until the filing officer notifies the candidate that they have met the qualification threshold in accordance with Subsection (E)(1) or until the deadlines established in Utah Code Sections 20A-9-403 and 20A-9-408, whichever comes first.**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**C. Order of Nomination Petition Packet Verification.**

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- 1. The filing officer shall verify nomination petition submissions in the order received.**
- 2. The filing officer shall ensure that nomination petition packets for candidates for the same office are not verified simultaneously.**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**D. Verifying Nomination Petition Packets.**

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- 1. The filing officer shall verify all signatures of a nomination petition until the candidate has sufficient signatures to meet the qualification threshold.**
- 2. The filing officer may discontinue the verification of a nomination petition if the candidate officially withdraws their candidacy or withdraws their notice of intent to gather signatures.**

**Rules: R623-4-4.**

**Uniform Nomination Petition Processing Standards.**

**E. Communication of Results to Candidate.**

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**1. Within one (1) business day after verifying all signatures in a candidate's submission or after the candidate meets or exceeds the qualification threshold, the filing officer shall notify the candidate of the total number of valid signatures in the submission and whether the candidate has met the qualification threshold.**

**Rules: R623-4-5.**

**Withdrawal of Petition Packets and Petition Signatures.**

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**A voter who has signed a candidate's nomination petition may have the voter's signature removed from the petition by submitting to the filing officer a statement requesting that the voter's signature be removed.**

**Rules: R623-4-5.**

**Withdrawal of Petition Packets and Petition Signatures.**

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**The statement shall include:**

- 1. the name of the voter;**
- 2. the name of the candidate;**
- 3. the resident address at which the voter is registered to vote;**
- 4. the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number;**
- 5. the voter's driver license or identification card number; and**
- 6. the signature of the voter.**

**Rules: R623-4-5.**

**Withdrawal of Petition Packets and Petition Signatures.**

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**A voter may not submit a statement by email or other electronic means.**

**In order for the signature to be removed, the statement must be received before the candidate submits any petition signatures for verification in accordance with Subsection R623-4-4(A).**

# Questions?

