HOW TO FILE BY NOMINATION PAPERS
TO BE A CANDIDATE IN THE **2012 GENERAL ELECTION**
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

To be a candidate in the 2012 general election of a party **OTHER THAN** Republican or Democratic.

DECLARATION OF INTENT – Must be filed with the Secretary of State during the state primary filing period of June 6-15, 2012 along with the required administrative assessment fee:

- For president of the United States - $250.
- For governor/United States senator - $100.
- For representative in congress - $50.
- For executive councilor - $25.
- For state senator/county officer - $10.
- For state representative - $2.

NOTE: This information is subject to change prior to the 2012 General Election.

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The declaration of intent for **President** shall be in the following form:

RSA 655:17-b. I, _____, swear under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to be a candidate for president of the United States pursuant to article II, section 1, clause 4 of the United States Constitution, which states, "No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years, and been fourteen years a resident within the United States." I further declare that I am domiciled in the city (or town or unincorporated place) of _____, county of _____, state of _____, and am a qualified voter therein; that I intend to be a candidate for the office of PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES to be made at the general election to be held on the ___ day of ____; and I intend to file nomination papers by the deadline established under RSA 655:43. I further declare that, if qualified as a candidate for said office, I shall not withdraw; and that, if elected, I shall be qualified for and shall assume the duties of said office. *[Declaration of Intent shall be signed by the candidate and notarized by a notary public]*

The declaration of intent for **all other offices** shall be in the following form:

RSA 655:17-a. I, _____, declare that I am domiciled in Ward ____, in the city (or town or unincorporated place) of _____, County of ____, state of New Hampshire, and am a registered voter herein; that I intend to be a candidate for the office of _____ to be chosen at the general election to be held on the **sixth day of November, 2012**; and I intend to file nomination papers by the deadline established under RSA 655:43. I further declare that, if qualified as a candidate for said office, I shall not withdraw; and that, if elected, I shall be qualified for and shall assume the duties of said office. *[Declaration of Intent shall be signed by the candidate]*

NOMINATION PAPERS – must be submitted to the secretary of state's office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2012.** The number of individual papers with signatures of registered voters to be submitted is as follows:

- For president /United States senator/governor – 3,000 (1,500 from each of the two congressional districts)
- For representative in congress – 1,500
- For executive councilor/state senator – 750
- For county officer/state representative – 150

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION PAPERS – Each nomination paper shall be submitted to the supervisors of the checklist of the town or ward in which the signer is domiciled. The supervisors shall determine whether or not the signer is a registered voter in that town/ward. Nomination papers shall be submitted to the supervisors **no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2012** and they are to be available for return to the candidate **no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2012.** {**NOTE**: The city clerk may perform the responsibilities of the supervisors of the checklist under this section.}