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Alabama	To be considered a party with automatic ballot access, you must have received 20% of the vote in the last election. In 2004, only the Democratic and Republican parties have this access. To petition for statewide ballot access, a minor party must submit a petition with 41,012 signatures (3% of the number of people who voted for Governor in the last election). This petition must be submitted by June 1, 2004. To petition to be placed on the ballot as an independent candidate for President, you must submit a petition with 5,000 signatures by September 6, 2004.
Arkansas	The candidates go through the respective party to file within that party and pay the filing fee. They come to our office during the filing period, starting at noon on 3/16/04 and ending at noon on 3/30/04, to file to be placed on the ballot. At that time they must present to us their party certificate and their receipt for payment of the filing fee. Then they fill out their Political Practice Pledge, to be filed with this office, and that's all.
California	California law requires the SOS to announce those candidates "generally recognized" as candidates for president. We can add to the list up to 74 days before the election, but we can't subtract unless we get a written notice from the candidate dropping out. Candidates not selected can collect signatures to obtain ballot access.
Colorado	Colorado eliminated its presidential preference primary due to budget cuts
Connecticut	A candidate's name may be placed on a major party's presidential primary ballot in one of two ways: (1) by the Secretary of the State, if in the Secretary's opinion that person's candidacy for the party's presidential nomination is "generally and seriously advocated or recognized according to reports in the national or state news media"; or (2) by petition signed by at least one percent of the enrolled members of the party in the state. As required by the law, on Friday, December 19, 2003 the Secretary of the State will publicly announce the candidates being placed on the ballot. These selections are made after much thought and careful consideration of national and state news media reports in relation to the statutory criteria cited above.
Florida	Basically, each major political party submits list of candidates for preference primary to the Secretary of State. The Selection committee meets to consider/vote on names submitted. Names will appear on the ballot unless all committee members agree to delete.
Idaho	If the Secretary of State determines, in his sole discretion, that person's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in national news media, he shall place such person's name on the ballot not less than sixty (60) days prior to the primary; <u>or</u> Filing a petition containing 5,016 verified signatures of Idaho qualified electors with the Secretary of State not later than thirty (30) days prior to the primary election. (Each signature sheet shall contain signatures of qualified electors from only one (1) county.) The aforementioned signatures must be verified by the respective county clerks prior to being filed with the Secretary of State.

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	Candidates placed upon the ballot cannot be removed unless the Secretary of State is informed of the candidate's death, incapacity or withdrawal not later than thirty (30) days prior to the primary.
Iowa	Iowa has a caucus, no presidential primary.
Kansas	The Kansas legislature canceled our 2004 presidential preference primary due to the lack of funds available. We require three items for ballot access and they are: 1) open only to Democrats and Republicans; 2) file by either a \$100 fee or a petition with 1,000 signatures; 3) the candidate is required to file with our office by noon on February 12th.
Kentucky	<p>There are three methods by which a democrat or republican candidates may obtain ballot access in Kentucky's presidential primary election.</p> <p>1. The Federal Election Commission will on January 13, 2004 submit a list of those candidates that have qualified for matching federal funds to the Kentucky State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections will nominate the names on that list and a notification of nomination will be sent to each candidate by certified mail along with a "notice of candidacy" form. Those candidates nominated will appear on Kentucky's Presidential Primary ballot provided that the candidate returns the "notice of candidacy" form, plus the \$1000.00 filing fee to the Kentucky Secretary of State no later than 4:00 p.m. on 1-27-04.</p> <p>2. Candidates that don't qualify for matching federal funds on January 13th, but that do qualify prior to the deadline may file a certified statement from the FEC that they do qualify for matching federal funds, or certified evidence from 20 other states that he or she qualifies to be on their ballots, a "notice of candidacy" form, and the \$1000.00 filing fee no later than 4:00 on 1/27/04</p> <p>3. A candidate may file a petition containing a minimum of 5000 signatures of registered voters, that reside in Kentucky and are members of the candidates same party, signed by the candidate and the chairman of the group circulating the petition along with the \$1000.00 filing fee no later than 1-27-04. The chairman's signature must be notarized.</p> <p>Independent or third party candidates may obtain <u>general</u> election ballot access by first filing a statement of candidacy form no later than 4-1-04 and then filing a petition containing 5000 signatures of registered voters as well as eight electors and \$500.00 filing fee no later than September 7, 2004.</p>
Maine	Eliminated Presidential Primary
Michigan	We have no Primary
Minnesota	<p>Minnesota does not have a presidential primary at this time. A presidential primary existed at one time but was repealed in 1999 after a number of cycles of being suspended, ignored or otherwise not implemented, by law.</p> <p>Minnesota instead is a caucus-convention state. Each major political party (there are four) holds caucuses of its members, which are scheduled by law for the first Tuesday evening in March, which will be March 2, 2004. Those caucuses are the first step in allocating delegates to each party's national convention. Each major political party has its own rules for access to the caucuses by presidential candidates. The four major political parties are the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party, the Independence Party and the Green Party.</p>
Mississippi	Candidate shall file a petition or petitions in support of his candidacy with the state executive committee of the appropriate political party after January 1 of the year in which the presidential preference primary is to be held and before January 15 of that same year. A candidate may file a petition or petitions signed by a total of not less than five hundred (500) qualified electors of the state,

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	<p>or petitions signed by not less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of each congressional district of the state, in which case there shall be a separate petition for each congressional district.</p> <p>The Secretary of State shall place the name of a candidate upon the presidential preference primary ballot when the Secretary of State shall have determined that such a candidate is generally recognized throughout the United States or Mississippi as a candidate for the nomination of President of the United States.</p> <p>On or before December 15 immediately preceding a presidential preference primary election the Secretary of State shall publicly announce and distribute to the news media for publication a list of the candidates he intends to place on the ballot at the following presidential preference primary election. Following this announcement he may add candidates to his selection, but he may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list, unless the candidate dies or has withdrawn as a candidate as provided in this chapter.</p>
Missouri	<p>In Missouri, candidates for the presidential preference primary file a written request to be included on the presidential preference primary ballot along with a receipt for the \$1,000 filing fee from the candidate's political party or a statutorily qualifying petition (requires 5,000 signatures from registered Missouri voters) in lieu of the filing fee. Presidential candidate request forms are available from the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office.</p>
Montana	<p>Before an individual intending to qualify as a presidential candidate may qualify for placement on the ballot, the individual shall qualify by one or more of the following methods:</p> <p>(1) The individual has been nominated on petitions with the verified signatures of at least 500 qualified electors. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form and content of the petition.</p> <p>(2) The individual has submitted a declaration for nomination to the secretary of state pursuant to 13-10-201, and the secretary of state has determined, by the time that declarations for nomination are to be filed, that the individual is eligible to receive payments pursuant to the federal Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, 26 U.S.C. 9031, et seq.</p> <p>There is no fee to file for President in Montana. Our primary for all local, state and county offices will be held June 8, 2004, and our filing dates are no earlier than January 26, 2004 and no later than March 25, 2004.</p>
Nebraska	<p>Nebraska's Presidential Primary includes candidates that the Sec of State determines to have received national media attention as candidates. If a candidate is not included, they may petition onto the primary ballot with 300 signatures (100 from each congressional district) of party members. There is no additional filing fee or petition requirement.</p>
Nevada	<p>In Nevada, major party (Dem. & Rep.) candidates are selected through the convention process (county, state, national).</p> <p>Minor party candidates gain ballot access in one of the following ways:</p> <p>(1) One of the party's candidates from the 2002 General Election received at least 1% of the total votes cast for the offices of Representative in Congress, Districts 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>(2) Designated as the political party on at least 1% of the total registration applications received by January 1st, 2004</p> <p>(3) Petition containing signatures of at least 1% of the total votes cast at the last general election for the offices of Representative in Congress, Districts 1, 2, and 3. This petition was to be submitted to the Secretary of State's office by August 13th, 2004.</p> <p>(4) Petition on behalf of a candidate containing 250 signatures for statewide office, or 100 signatures for any other office and submitted to the Secretary of State's office between May 3rd and May 17th of 2004.</p> <p>All of Nevada's minor parties that currently have ballot access (Green Party,</p>

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	Independent American Party, Libertarian Party, and Natural Law Party) gained it under option (1) above. Independent candidates gain ballot access by meeting the requirement in option (3) above.
New Hampshire	The New Hampshire filing period for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates began on Monday, November 3 and will continue to November 21, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates need to file a Declaration of Candidacy And pay a \$1,000 filing fee. The form is on our website at www.state.nh.us/sos . Filings may be made in person, by mail or by representative; however, any filings received on the last day (November 21st) must be made IN PERSON by the candidate.
North Dakota	North Dakota is having a Presidential Caucus on February 3rd. The only two political parties that have indicated that they will be participating is the Republican and Democrats. Candidates that wish to participate should contact one of the parties at the addresses below as to how they can participate
Oregon	The Secretary of State has the sole discretion to place on the ballot candidates whose "candidacy is generally advocated or is recognized in national news media." Oregon has a tradition of providing relatively easy access through this route. In 2000, Secretary Bradbury placed the names of George Bush, Al Gore and Alan Keyes on the ballot. Candidates may also qualify by filing a nominating petition. The petition, which must be filed with the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2004, must contain the valid signatures of 1000 electors of the candidate's political party from each of Oregon's five Congressional districts. The electors in each congressional district shall include electors registered in at least five percent of the precincts in each of at least one-fourth of the counties in the congressional district. In 2000, Lyndon LaRouche qualified by petition.
Pennsylvania	Presidential candidates file nomination petitions with 2000 signatures of registered electors of the party whose nomination the candidate is seeking. The filing fee is \$200.00. For filing dates see http://www.dos.state.pa.us . Delegates to the National Conventions also must pay a fee and file petitions.
South Dakota	For Republican and Democratic Candidates - Candidate must file a letter of intent with the Secretary of State and the candidate must be certified to the Secretary of State by the State Party Chairman. Deadline April 6, 2004.
Tennessee	There are two ways to gain ballot access for the PPP in Tennessee. First, the Secretary of State announces a list of "nationally recognized candidates" who will automatically appear on the ballot unless they send us a letter asking that their name not appear on the ballot. Secondly, a candidate may file a petition with 2500 valid signatures asking that he/she be placed on the ballot.
Vermont	Presidential Preference Primary (March 2, 2004) candidates for major parties must file a petition with 1,000 signatures, a consent form, and a check made out to Vermont Secretary of State for \$2,000 for a filing fee or an affidavit that the candidate and the candidate's campaign is without funds to pay the filing fee and a check for \$300.00 on or before 5 p.m. on January 19, 2004. We have a 4 page "instructions" for Presidential candidates on our website that includes downloadable petition and consent form.
West Virginia	Candidates are required to complete a Candidates Certificate of Announcement and pay the filing fee between January 12 and midnight on January 31, 2004. A US Postmark of January 31, 2004 will also be accepted. The Certificate of Announcement (Form C1) is available on request or the Secretary of State's website at www.wvsos.com . The filing fee in West Virginia is 1% of the salary for the presidential term, which will begin in January 2005. Therefore, the

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	current fee is \$4,000.

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