

HB 41 -- Declarations of Candidacy

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This bill requires the state committee of each established political party to provide the Missouri Secretary of State with verifiable evidence of the identity and proof of status as a natural born citizen of the United States for each nominee for President and Vice President of the United States and the origins of the evidence. The proof must be submitted with the other certification documents that are required to be filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 115, RSMo. A write-in candidate for either of these positions must also provide this certification or he or she will be ineligible to file a declaration of intent as a write-in candidate.

"Natural born citizen" means having been declared a national and citizen of the United States at birth under specified United States Code or having been declared a national and United States citizen under federal law as it existed at the time of the nominee's birth. Evidence used to verify a nominee's status as a natural born citizen must be in the form of the most complete record of birth available by the controlling legal authority at the time of the nominee's birth, must be kept and maintained by the Secretary of State, and must be deemed a public record under Chapter 610.