

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1157

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-708A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-
3 VISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES; AMENDING SECTION
4 34-711A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION
5 OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND
6 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 34-708A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 34-708A. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESI-
11 DENT. ~~(1) Persons who desire to be independent candidates for the offices~~
12 ~~of president and vice president must file declarations of candidacy as in-~~
13 ~~dependent candidates no later than August 1. Such declarations must state~~
14 ~~that such persons are offering themselves as independent candidates and must~~
15 ~~declare that they have no political party affiliation. The declarations Any~~
16 ~~person who desires to be an independent candidate for the office of president~~
17 ~~must file a declaration of candidacy as an independent candidate no later~~
18 ~~than August 1. Such declaration must state that such person is an indepen-~~
19 ~~dent candidate with no political party affiliation and shall have attached~~
20 ~~thereto a petition signed by one thousand (1,000) qualified electors.~~

21 ~~(2) The candidates for president and vice president shall be considered~~
22 ~~as candidates for one (1) office, and only one (1) such petition need be filed~~
23 ~~for both offices.~~

24 ~~(3) (2) Signatures on the petitions petition required in this section~~
25 ~~shall be verified no later than September 1 in the manner prescribed in sec-~~
26 ~~tion 34-1807, Idaho Code, on a form similar to that used for recall petitions~~
27 ~~under chapter 17, title 34, Idaho Code, as prescribed by the secretary of~~
28 ~~state~~r~~, except that the petition circulators are not required to be Idaho~~
29 ~~residents. The secretary of state shall certify candidate qualifications no~~
30 ~~later than September 1.~~

31 SECTION 2. That Section 34-711A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
32 amended to read as follows:

33 34-711A. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. In-
34 dependent presidential candidates who have qualified for ballot status
35 pursuant to section 34-708A, Idaho Code, shall certify the names of the vice
36 presidential candidate and of presidential electors to the secretary of
37 state on or before September 1, unless an extension of no more than five (5)
38 days is granted by the secretary of state, in order for them to appear on the
39 general election ballot. The secretary of state shall certify the indepen-
40 dent presidential electors~~r~~ and the independent candidates for president

1 and ~~vice-president,~~ vice president to the county clerks on or before Septem-
2 ber 7.

3 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
5 July 1, 2025.