

## **S.F. No. 3230 – Major Party Candidate Nomination (as amended by the A3 amendment)**

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**Section 1 (Major party candidate)** requires a candidate who seeks the nomination of a major political party for a partisan office to submit with the candidate’s affidavit of candidacy a major party petition or a certification by the chair of a major political party.

**Section 2 (Major party certification)** specifies that a chair of a major political party must provide a certification to a candidate who: 1) sought the party endorsement at a convention and received at least 30 percent of the vote on a ballot; or 2) received the party’s endorsement in accordance with the party’s constitution, rules, and bylaws. The certification must include specified information.

**Section 3 (Nominating and major party petitions)** specifies the form for a major party petition. Makes conforming and technical changes.

**Section 4 (Petitions; rules of secretary of state)** restates the requirement from rules adopted by the secretary of state that a petition must be prepared on paper no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches. Specifies that a petition must not be rejected solely because it is on paper smaller than 8.5 by 11-inch paper.

**Section 5 (Signing petitions)** adds references to major party petitions. Makes technical changes.

**Section 6 (Candidates in state and count general elections)** adds a reference to major party petitions.

**Section 7 (Affidavits of candidacy; nominating and major party petitions; duties)** specifies that filing officers who receive affidavits of candidacy for partisan offices must only accept an affidavit of candidacy if it is accompanied by a major party petition or a certification by the chair of a major political party. Requires filing officials to inspect petitions in the order in which they are filed, but they must prioritize petitions whose name may appear on a state primary ballot. Adds references to major party petitions.

**Section 8 (Partisan office; nomination by party; special election)** adds a reference to major party petitions.

**Section 9 (Certification of names)** requires the chair of each major political party to certify to the secretary of state the order in which that party's candidates to whom certifications were issued will appear on the ballot. The order is based on the highest percentage of votes that the candidate received on a ballot at the party convention. The secretary of state sets the ballot order for major party candidates and provides the order to county auditors. The candidates certified by the chair of a major political party appear first followed by major party candidates who filed major party petitions in the order in which the petitions were accepted.

**Section 10 (Rotation of names)** specifies that if the major political party provides the candidate ballot order, candidate names on the state primary ballot are not rotated and must be placed on the ballot as provided in **section 9**.

**Section 11 (Names placed on general election ballots)** requires the county auditor to place on the state general election ballot, without a fee, the name of every candidate whose nomination was declared because only one candidate filed for the office for that party.