



Summary of Qualifications and Requirements for
INDEPENDENT NOMINATION
for the Office of
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
(53 Districts)

November 7, 2006 General Election

I. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Every candidate shall be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for seven years, and a resident of California when elected. U.S. Const. Art. I, §2
- B. There are no district residency requirements for Members of Congress.
- C. Disqualifications

A candidate is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate if:

- 1. A nomination paper was filed on the candidate's behalf as a partisan candidate or a write-in candidate at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election for any office, and the candidate was defeated for the party nomination at the primary election.
- 2. At any time during the 13 months preceding the General Election, the candidate was registered as affiliated with any qualified political party. The last day a candidate may be affiliated with a qualified party is October 7, 2005 if desiring to run under the independent nomination procedures in the 2006 General Election. §8550(f)1

For purposes of Section 8550, the seven qualified political parties are: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Republican.

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. FILING FEE

Full Payment of Filing Fee

Candidates must pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the first year's salary. Currently, the

filing fee for United States Representative in Congress is \$1621.00. The filing fee must be paid at the time the candidate obtains the nomination forms from the county elections official. §§8103 & 8105

Signatures in Lieu

Candidates may elect to submit a minimum of 3,000 valid signatures on petitions in lieu of filing fee by July 27, 2006. §8106

1. Between April 28 and July 27, 2006, the petitions for in-lieu signatures may be obtained from the county elections official and circulated. Sections of petitions in lieu of filing fee shall be filed with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §8106
2. The candidate may submit signatures to cover all or any prorated portion of the filing fee. §8106(b)(3)
3. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. §8106(b)(1)
4. Each circulator of an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition shall be a registered voter of the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is running. The circulator shall serve within the county in which he or she resides. §8106 (b)(4)
5. Within 10 days after receipt of the petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to the close of the nomination period (August 11, 2006), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. §8106 (b)(3)
6. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

B. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

1. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, obtain nomination documents from the county elections official. Nomination documents include a set of nomination papers for collecting signatures and a declaration of candidacy that must be executed by the candidate. §§333 & 8403
 - a. Upon request of a candidate, the county elections official shall provide the candidate with nomination documents. The county elections official shall not require a candidate to sign, file or sign and file a declaration of candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers. §8020(d)
 - b. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §8403

2. Nomination Signatures

Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

- a. The nomination papers must be signed by at least 3% of the registered voters of the Congressional District as of the last registration report prior to the preceding general election. See Attachment 1 for the required number of signatures for each congressional district, based on the October 2005 Report of Registration. §8400
- b. Signers must be registered voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is running. §§100 & 8068
- c. Any registered voter who is a candidate may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own nomination papers. §106(a)
- d. The candidate may appoint persons to circulate the nomination papers. Circulators shall be voters registered in California and shall serve only in their district or political subdivision. §8451
- e. By August 11, 2006, the nomination paper shall be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter. §§8063 & 8403

3. Declaration Of Candidacy

Failure to file the declaration of candidacy properly will prevent the candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.

- a. The declaration of candidacy shall be obtained from, and delivered to, the county elections official of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter. §8064
- b. The county elections official shall require all candidates filing a declaration of candidacy to execute the declaration in his or her office unless the candidate, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designates a third party to obtain the declaration form from the county elections official and to deliver it to the candidate. The written statement shall state that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered not later than August 11, 2006 to the office of the county elections official from whom it was received. Any person may return the completed declaration of candidacy. §8028
- c. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, file with the county elections official a declaration of candidacy which states the following:

- 1) The candidate's complete residence address;
 - 2) That the candidate is a voter in the precinct in which he or she resides;
 - 3) The name of the office sought;
 - 4) That he or she will not withdraw as a candidate before the election;
 - 5) That if elected, he or she will qualify for the office;
 - 6) That at no time since October 7, 2005 has the candidate been registered in California as affiliated with a qualified political party (American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, or Republican).
- §8550

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Each of the forms mentioned above is available free of charge from the county elections official.
- B. The California apportionment of the House of Representatives has a membership of 53 Representatives, elected for two-year terms. The term of office begins on January 3, 2007.
- C. Because of the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act, As Amended, a congressional candidate should contact the Federal Election Commission at 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463 or call toll-free (800) 424-9530 for a copy of the Act, related regulations giving the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, and the forms on which to file.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This Information Sheet of Qualifications and Requirements is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law or procedure since the publication of this information.

Independent Candidates for Congress
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

Congressional District	Oct. 2005 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*	Congressional District	Oct. 2005 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*
1	362,452	10,874	27	271,276	8,139
2	348,249	10,448	28	221,010	6,631
3	382,916	11,488	29	281,376	8,442
4	423,042	12,692	30	390,865	11,726
5	282,685	8,481	31	162,419	4,873
6	349,632	10,489	32	212,155	6,365
7	274,219	8,227	33	266,399	7,992
8	347,897	10,437	34	166,552	4,997
9	337,100	10,113	35	223,927	6,718
10	341,196	10,236	36	314,888	9,447
11	355,398	10,662	37	239,193	7,176
12	331,854	9,956	38	217,853	6,536
13	271,781	8,154	39	230,316	6,910
14	331,290	9,939	40	321,379	9,642
15	290,566	8,717	41	332,546	9,977
16	263,810	7,915	42	348,844	10,466
17	281,802	8,455	43	224,641	6,740
18	267,129	8,014	44	324,500	9,735
19	322,552	9,677	45	332,280	9,969
20	189,019	5,671	46	389,650	11,690
21	261,838	7,856	47	189,676	5,691
22	344,466	10,334	48	404,393	12,132
23	296,324	8,890	49	301,108	9,034
24	348,617	10,459	50	359,768	10,794
25	315,546	9,467	51	261,479	7,845
26	339,258	10,178	52	342,700	10,281
			53	299,651	8,990

*Independent candidates for Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.