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**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT  
FILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
KRS 117.265

1. Complete all applicable blanks on the Declaration of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate filing document.
2. A copy of KRS 117.265, and a chart providing candidate qualifications and filing fee is enclosed. Please make check payable to Kentucky State Treasurer.
3. The Declaration of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate filing document and filing fee **shall** be filed with the Secretary of State by **October 24, 2008, 4:00 p.m., local time.**
4. The Declaration of Intent To Be A Write-In Candidate and filing fee may be filed in person or mailed by the above deadline to the Secretary of State at the following address:

Trey Grayson, Secretary of State  
Suite 148, State Capitol  
700 Capitol Avenue  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-3493  
Attn: Angela Evans or Kim Bagwell

6. If we may provide additional information or be of further assistance, please contact Angela Evans or Kim Bagwell at (502) 564-3490.

To: SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate for President - Please Type or Print) (Name of Candidate for Vice President - Please Type or Print)

intend to be write-in candidates in the November \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ general election for the Office of President and Vice President of the United States. We do further state that if elected we qualify for the offices sought.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate for President Residential Address City Zip)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate for Vice President Residential Address City Zip)

**Eight (8) pledged presidential electors must be listed below:** (Please type or print the name of each elector)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_

The voter **must write-in your surname on the ballot**, but may additionally write-in any of the name variations you have provided below to assist the county board of elections in determining voter intent when counting write-in votes on Election Day. These variations may include any name, in addition to your surname, that voters commonly use to identify you, which may be a nickname, initials or an abbreviated form of your name. 31 KAR 6:030, Section 6 (10) & (12) (Listed Below).

Example: James Richard Doe, J.R. Doe, Jim Doe, Rich Doe, Richie- Rich Doe, Dickey Doe

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**KRS 117.265 (4):** Persons who wish to run for President and Vice-President shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, along with a list of presidential electors pledged to those candidates, with the Secretary of State not less than ten (10) days preceding the date of the regular election for those offices. Write-in votes cast for the candidates whose names appear on the ballot shall apply to the slate of pledged presidential electors, whose names shall not appear on the ballot.

**31 KAR 6:030, Section 1. Definitions**

- (5) "First name" means an individual's name or names given at birth, as distinguished from a family name or surname.
- (6) "Name" means one or more first names coupled with one or more surnames.
- (7) "Nickname" means a shortened version of an individual's name or a descriptive or alternative name, in addition to or instead of the first name or surname of an individual.
- (10) "Surname" means the family name bestowed at birth, acquired by marriage, or legally adopted by choice.

**31 KAR 6:030, Section 6. Definition of a Vote for Write-in Voting Generally.**

- (1) Only votes cast for eligible write-in candidates under KRS 117.265 shall be considered valid and counted.
- (2) A write-in vote for a candidate whose name already appears on the ballot label as a candidate shall not be counted as a vote under KRS 117.265.
- (3) The use of stickers, labels, rubber stamps, or other similar devices shall not be counted as write-in votes.
- (4) Any minor misspelling of the name of a candidate shall be disregarded in determining the validity of a write-in vote as long as the intended candidate
- (5) Writing in only the surname of an eligible candidate shall constitute a valid vote, unless there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office. If there is more than one (1) filed candidate with the same surname for that office, writing in only the surname shall not constitute a vote.
- (6) Writing in only the first name of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote.
- (7) Writing in only the initials of a candidate shall not constitute a valid vote
- (8) Writing in only the nickname of an eligible candidate shall not constitute a valid vote