
To all interested persons:

In accordance with the authority granted to me under Section 14 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2007, the drawing for the order of names of candidates for president to appear on the Democratic and Republican presidential primary ballots shall take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. As no candidates submitted sufficient nomination papers for certification of signatures and the Chairs of the Democratic and Republican State Committees have already submitted their lists of candidates for placement on the presidential primary ballot, I deem it in the interest of the orderly administration of the presidential primary election to be held on February 5, 2008, to move the drawing to this date.

By letter dated November 27, 2007, the Chairman of the Republican State Committee submitted a list of eight (8) names for printing on the presidential primary ballot. Those names are (in order of submission): Mitt Romney; Rudy Giuliani; Mike Huckabee; Duncan Hunter; John McCain; Ron Paul; Tom Tancredo; and Fred Thompson.

By letter dated November 28, 2007, the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee submitted a list of eight (8) names for printing on the presidential primary ballot. Those names are (in order of submission): Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; Hillary Clinton; Christopher J. Dodd; John R. Edwards; Mike Gravel; Dennis J. Kucinich; Barack Obama; and Bill Richardson.

If a list of candidates to be printed on the presidential primary ballot is received from the Chairperson of the Green-Rainbow Party before the drawing, the drawing for placement shall occur at the same time as for the other parties, if feasible. By letter dated October 2, 2007, the Working Families Party stated that they will not submit any names of candidates for the presidential primary ballot.

After the drawing, if any candidate whose name was submitted by the appropriate chairs of the state committees notifies the Secretary to remove their name from the presidential primary ballot by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 7, 2007, that candidate shall be removed and the order of the names shall be adjusted accordingly.

Additionally, notwithstanding the provisions of General Laws chapter 54, section 34, the deadline for selectmen or a city council to vote to adopt or change voting equipment for use at the presidential primary shall be December 14, 2007.

DATED: November 30, 2007

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH