

SECTION .0400 – PETITIONS TO BE ON THE BALLOT AS AN UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE

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- (a) This Section shall apply to unaffiliated candidate petitions only.
- (b) For the purposes of this Section:
 - (1) "Prospective unaffiliated candidate" means the petitioner seeking to have their name printed on the general election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate.
 - (2) "Unaffiliated candidate petition" means a petition to place a voter's name on a general election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate pursuant to G.S. 163-122 or G.S. 163-296.
- (c) When an unaffiliated candidate petition is filed with the State Board and a county board of elections is conducting signature verification, a digital version of the signature sheet provided by the State Board to the county board shall be considered an original signature sheet for the purposes of signature verification under Section .0200 of this Chapter.
- (d) For the purposes of this Chapter, the final action on an unaffiliated candidate petition shall be the board of elections' notice to the prospective candidate pursuant to Rule .0402 of this Section stating whether they have met the signature requirement for their petition.

History Note: Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-122; 163-296;
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