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Presidential candidates identified for Nebraska's primary ballot

LINCOLN -- Secretary of State John Gale has set the slate of presidential candidates who will appear on the ballot for the May 10 primary election.

The candidates (in alphabetical order) are:

- Republican Party: Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump.
- Democratic Party: Hillary Clinton & Bernie Sanders.
- Libertarian Party: Marc Feldman, Gary Johnson, Steve Kerbel, John McAfee and Austin Petersen.

Nebraska law provides that the secretary of state place candidates on the primary ballot who have been identified by the national news media as presidential candidates.

"This year, it has been a fast track to keep up with candidate activity, candidate withdrawals, and campaign suspensions. My office conducts a responsible and ongoing search to arrive at our final list of party candidates for the Nebraska primary."

Gale said his decision is not based on winners and losers from the primaries; rather, which candidates continue to be active. Only candidates from recognized political parties in the state can appear on the ballot. This year, they include the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian parties.

The candidates have until March 10 to remove their names from the ballot.

According to Gale, "candidates also have the right to petition onto the primary ballot if they consider themselves to be an active candidate in one of Nebraska's three recognized parties."

They would need to collect 300 signatures, 100 from each congressional district, in order to qualify.

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