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### **Notice Regarding Ballot Access for Presidential Electors under S.B. 189**

Effective July 1, 2024, Senate Bill 189 amends O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172 to add a new subsection (g), which allows any political party or political body that has obtained ballot access in no fewer than 20 states or territories for the office of presidential elector to qualify candidates for presidential elector on the General Election ballot.

Each political party or political body applying to obtain ballot access under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172(g) must be lawfully registered with the Secretary of State as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-110. Political bodies must also satisfy the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)(1) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172 to qualify a slate of presidential electors.

To apply to obtain ballot access under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172(g), political parties or political bodies must submit to the Secretary of State a completed **Presidential Elector Nomination Affidavit** listing the slate of presidential electors and states in which the political party or political body has lawfully obtained ballot access. The affidavit must be accompanied by documentation from each of the listed states certifying that the political party or political body will be on the General Election ballot in that state. The completed Presidential Elector Nomination Affidavit, along with the names of the candidates for President and Vice President nominated by the political party or political body, must be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than August 23, 2024 to be considered for the 2024 General Election ballot. The affidavit and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the Secretary of State and approved if the political party or political body has satisfied all applicable legal requirements.

**\*\*Note: This method of ballot access under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172(g) does not apply to independent candidates.** As drafted, the provision only applies to “political party” or “political body” candidates as those terms are defined in the Georgia Elections Code. Independent candidates are still required to submit a nomination petition with a minimum of 7,500 valid signatures of eligible electors. See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-170; *Green Party of Ga. v. Kemp*, 171 F. Supp. 3d 1340 (N.D. Ga. 2016). Political bodies may also qualify candidates for presidential elector through the nomination petition process.