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Secretary of State Describes Process for Vacancies on State Primary Ballot and Ballot Rotation

The New Hampshire Democratic and Republican Parties have until June 19th to fill vacancies.

CONCORD, NH (June 14, 2024): After the filing period ends today, June 14th at 5 p.m., the New Hampshire Democratic and Republican parties may designate individuals to fill any positions for which no declaration was filed for their party.

Pursuant to RSA 655:32, each party must notify the Secretary of State's Office in writing of the individuals they have designated to fill any vacancies. The designated individuals have until Wednesday, June 19th to accept the nomination. If the designee is accepting the party's nomination for the office of governor, executive councilor, state senator, or state representative, they must file the appropriate affidavit as provided in RSA 655:29 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19th.

Order of Names on Ballot

Immediately after the deadline for parties to fill vacancies, New Hampshire Secretary of State David Scanlan will conduct a public drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for state and local elections for the next two years, pursuant to RSA 656:5-a. At the same time, the party column rotations for the General Election ballot will also be determined, pursuant to RSA 656:5.

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A list of candidates who have filed for state office, as well as third-party presidential candidates, can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.nh.gov/2024-election-details>.