

Alabama Secretary of State says responsibility of verifying a candidate is qualified to run for president is the political party's responsibility; and that if a court of competent jurisdiction found the candidate not to be, then that decision would be binding on their office.

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Secretary Chapman has asked me to respond to your email we received today concerning Senator Obama's eligibility to hold the office of United States President. Thank you for taking the time to make your concerns known to us.

By law, each political party initially determines whether a candidate possesses the qualifications to hold office and it is Secretary Chapman's duty to see that the political parties' nominees appear on our state ballot.

In the event a court of competent jurisdiction determines that a candidate or elected official does not meet the requirements of the U.S. Constitution to hold a particular office, that court decision would be binding on this office once the judgment becomes final.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Emily Thompson, Chief of Staff