

majority of them, shall determine which nominees are justly entitled to the party designation or emblem, and the word "independent" shall precede the party name of the other group or groups of nominees, and the emblem shall be omitted from such "independent" group or groups. Said groups shall be printed on said ballots in columns parallel to each other, the group representing the party polling the largest number of votes for Governor in the State at the last gubernatorial election being placed first or at the left of said groups; the group representing the party polling the next largest number of votes at said election being placed second; and the group representing the party polling the next largest number of votes at such election third, and so on. Candidates of parties not having made nominations at the last gubernatorial election and other independent candidates, shall be arranged in like groups, according to the date of filing the certificates of nomination. If a candidate is named for the same office on two or more certificates of nomination, his name shall be placed in each of the several appropriate groups. Above the party name shall be printed the party emblem, if any, the size whereof shall not exceed two and one-half inches in height and two inches in breadth. Any party in State convention or by State committee may select any emblem, which shall be certified at the time and in the same manner that the nominations are certified, and which shall be the emblem of the party throughout the State, until changed by like authority. In case the same emblem is selected by two or more parties, it shall be the emblem of the party whose certificate is first filed, and the other party may, in like manner, certify another. Where candidates have been nominated in any other manner than by a convention or primary election, or by a committee acting under the authority of a convention, an emblem may be adopted and certified in the manner aforesaid; provided, that the emblem selected, shall not be one already appropriated to a political party.

1896, ch. 202.

51. Said groups shall contain the names of the officers to be voted for, and under each office the name or names of the candidates in the same order in each group or column, so that, as far as possible, candidates for the same office in the various groups