

# WHEN CANDIDATES MUST INDICATE GROUP IN WHICH HIS NAME MUST APPEAR ON BALLOT.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 30, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 26 instant has been received and noted.

I get a great many letters making inquiry about different features of the Primary Election Law and, while my replies cannot be regarded as official, I have made an effort to promptly answer all of them. Your previous letter must have been misplaced and, therefore, escaped my attention.

The statute on the subject is Section 52 of the Primary Election Law as amended in 1915, which reads as follows:

"In the event more than one candidate is to be nominated for the same office and there are more candidates than should be nominated therefor, there shall be as many groups of candidates for that particular office as there are candidates to be nominated and each candidate for such office, in addition to the sworn statement required by Section 22 hereof, shall indicate therein the group in which he desires his name to appear on the ballot, and said groups shall be numerically designated. Provided, however, that candidates for delegates to national conventions shall not be nominated by groups, but by a plurality vote."

My opinion is that it is necessary, under this statute, for each candidate for the legislature to indicate the group in which he desires his name to appear on the ballot.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General.