

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 298**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Burling, 33

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-618,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the  
3 number of signatures required on nominating petitions as  
4 prescribed; and to repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           32-618 (1) The number of signatures of registered voters  
4 needed to place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot  
5 for the general election shall be as follows:

6           (a) For each nonpartisan office other than members of the  
7 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members  
8 of a Class III school district, at least ten percent of the total  
9 number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the  
10 United States at the immediately preceding general election in the  
11 district or political subdivision in which the officer is to be  
12 elected, not to exceed two thousand. If the district in which the  
13 petitions are circulated comprises ~~more than~~ two or more counties,  
14 at least twenty-five signatures shall be obtained in each county  
15 ~~comprising~~ which has at least one hundred registered voters in the  
16 district;

17           (b) For members of the Board of Regents of the University  
18 of Nebraska, at least ten percent of the total number of registered  
19 voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the  
20 immediately preceding general election in the regent district in  
21 which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed one thousand. If  
22 the regent district in which the petitions are circulated comprises  
23 more than two counties, at least twenty-five signatures shall be  
24 obtained in each of two-fifths of the counties comprising the  
25 district; and

1           (c) For board members of a Class III school district,  
2 at least twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for  
3 the board member receiving the highest number of votes at the  
4 immediately preceding general election in the school district.

5           (2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed  
6 to place the name of a candidate upon the partisan ballot for the  
7 general election shall be as follows:

8           (a) For each partisan office to be filled by the  
9 registered voters of the entire state, at least ~~two~~ four thousand,  
10 and at least fifty signatures shall be obtained in each of  
11 one-third of the counties in the state; and

12           (b) For each partisan office to be filled by the  
13 registered voters of a county or political subdivision, at least  
14 twenty percent of the total vote for Governor or President of the  
15 United States at the immediately preceding general election within  
16 the county or political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.

17           The number of signatures shall not be required to exceed  
18 one-fourth of the total number of registered voters voting for  
19 the office at the immediately preceding general election when the  
20 nomination is for a partisan office to be filled by the registered  
21 voters of a county.

22           Sec. 2. Original section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes  
23 of Nebraska, is repealed.