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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
10 the United States at the immediately preceding general election in
11 the district or political subdivision in which the officer is to
12 be elected, not to exceed two thousand. If the district in which
13 the petitions are circulated comprises more than two counties and
14 each of the counties comprising the district contain at least one
15 hundred registered voters, at least twenty-five signatures shall be
16 obtained in each county comprising the 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.