

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 368

Approved by the Governor March 16, 2011

Introduced by Brasch, 16; Bloomfield, 17.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-616 and 32-710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to nominations for office; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 32-616, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-616 (1) Any registered voter who was not a candidate in the primary election may have his or her name placed on the general election ballot for a partisan office by filing petitions as prescribed in sections 32-617 to 32-621 or by nomination by political party convention or committee pursuant to section 32-627 or 32-710.

(2) Any candidate who was defeated in the primary election and any registered voter who was not a candidate in the primary election may have his or her name placed on the general election ballot if a vacancy exists on the ballot under subsection (2) of section 32-625 and the candidate files for the office by petition as prescribed in sections 32-617 and 32-618, ~~or~~ files as a write-in candidate as prescribed in section 32-615, or is nominated by political party convention or committee pursuant to section 32-627 or 32-710.

Sec. 2. Section 32-710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-710 Each political party shall hold a state postprimary convention biennially on a date to be fixed by the state central committee but not later than September 1. Candidates for elective offices may be nominated at such conventions pursuant to section 32-627 or 32-721. Such nominations shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the chairperson and secretary of the convention. The certificates shall have the same force and effect as nominations in primary elections. A political party may not nominate a candidate at the convention for an office for which the party did not nominate a candidate at the primary election except as provided for new political parties in section 32-621. The convention shall formulate and promulgate a state platform, select a state central committee, select electors for President and Vice President of the United States, and transact the business which is properly before it. One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two presidential electors shall be chosen at large. The officers of the convention shall certify the names of the electors to the Governor and Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. Original sections 32-616 and 32-710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.