

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB98

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Change signature requirements for nomination of partisan candidates by petition

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Brewer, Blood, Hansen, M., Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Hilgers
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Justin Wayne
Wayne Bena

Representing:
Introducer
Secretary of State

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would change the petition requirements for ballot access. It would eliminate the current ten percent requirement.

In place of the current requirement, it would make the statewide requirement 4,000 signatures, with 750 from each congressional district.

For county partisan offices, the petition requirement would be twenty percent of the total number of voters who cast a ballot in the last election for president for governor, but not to exceed 2,000 signatures and not to exceed 25 percent of the voters who participated in the previous election for that office.

For partisan offices of political subdivisions other than counties, the requirement would be twenty percent of the total number of voters who cast a ballot in the last election for president for governor, but not to exceed 2,000 signatures.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, LB 98, adds a new section to delete a residency requirement from Section 18-2515 in response to a related court decision.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson