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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1068

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Strommen, 47.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-101,
- 2 32-628, 32-629, and 32-630, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to
- 3 change requirements relating to petition circulators and sponsors;
- 4 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 32-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-101 Sections 32-101 to 32-1552 and section 5 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Election Act.

5 **Sec. 2.** Section 32-628, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
6 amended to read:

7 32-628 (1) All petitions prepared or filed pursuant to the Election
8 Act or any petition which requires the Secretary of State, election
9 commissioner, or county clerk to verify signatures by utilizing the voter
10 registration register shall provide a space at least two and one-half
11 inches long for written signatures, a space at least two inches long for
12 printed names, and sufficient space for date of birth and street name and
13 number, city or village, and zip code. Lines on each petition shall not
14 be less than one-fourth inch apart. Petitions may be designed in such a
15 manner that lines for signatures and other information run the length of
16 the page rather than the width. Petitions shall provide for no more than
17 twenty signatures per page.

18 (2) For the purpose of preventing fraud, deception, and
19 misrepresentation, every sheet of every petition containing signatures
20 shall have upon it, above the signatures, the statements contained in
21 this subsection, except that a petition for recall of an elected official
22 shall also have the additional information specified in subsection (2) of
23 section 32-1304. The statements shall be printed in boldface type in
24 substantially the following form:

25 WARNING TO PETITION SIGNERS—VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
26 PROVISIONS OF LAW MAY RESULT IN THE FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES: Any
27 person who signs any name other than his or her own to any petition or
28 who is not qualified to sign the petition shall be guilty of a Class I
29 misdemeanor. Any person who falsely swears to a circulator's affidavit on
30 a petition, who accepts money or other things of value for signing a
31 petition, or who offers money or other things of value in exchange for a

1 signature upon any petition shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

2 (3) Every sheet of a petition which contains signatures shall have
3 upon it, below the signatures, an affidavit as provided in this
4 subsection, except that the affidavit for a petition for recall of an
5 elected official shall also include the additional language specified in
6 subsection (3) of section 32-1304. The affidavit shall be in
7 substantially the following form:

8 STATE OF NEBRASKA)

9)ss.

10 COUNTY OF)

11, (name of circulator) being first duly
12 sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the circulator of this petition
13 containing signatures, that he or she is at least eighteen
14 years of age, is a United States citizen, and has never pleaded guilty
15 to, pleaded nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of a felony or
16 criminal offense involving fraud, forgery, or identification theft, that
17 each person whose name appears on the petition personally signed the
18 petition in the presence of the affiant, that the date to the left of
19 each signature is the correct date on which the signature was affixed to
20 the petition and that the date was personally affixed by the person
21 signing such petition, that the affiant believes that each signer has
22 written his or her name, street and number or voting precinct, and city,
23 village, or post office address correctly, that the affiant believes that
24 each signer was qualified to sign the petition, and that the affiant
25 stated to each signer the object of the petition as printed on the
26 petition before he or she affixed his or her signature to the petition.

27 Circulator

28 Address

29 Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this day
30 of 20.... at, Nebraska.

31 Notary Public

1 (4) Each sheet of a petition shall have upon its face and in plain
2 view of persons who sign the petition a statement in letters not smaller
3 than sixteen-point type in red print on the petition. If the petition is
4 circulated by a paid circulator, the statement shall be as follows: This
5 petition is circulated by a paid circulator. If the petition is
6 circulated by a circulator who is not being paid, the statement shall be
7 as follows: This petition is circulated by a volunteer circulator.

8 **Sec. 3.** Section 32-629, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
9 amended to read:

10 32-629 For any petition prepared or filed pursuant to the Election
11 Act:

12 (1) Each petition signer shall be a registered voter and qualified
13 to sign a petition at the time of signing a petition, except that a
14 signer of a petition for President of the United States, a candidate
15 petition, a new political party petition, or an initiative or referendum
16 petition under sections 32-1401 to 32-1409 shall be a registered voter of
17 the State of Nebraska on or before the date on which the petition is
18 filed with the filing officer; and

19 (2) Only a person who is at least eighteen years of age, is a
20 citizen of the United States, and has never pleaded guilty to, pleaded
21 nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of a felony or criminal offense
22 involving fraud, forgery, or identification theft shall qualify as a
23 valid circulator of a petition and may circulate petitions. Any sheet of
24 a petition circulated by a person who does not qualify as a valid
25 circulator pursuant to this subdivision shall be invalid. Petition
26 circulators shall comply with section 32-630.

27 **Sec. 4.** Section 32-630, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
28 amended to read:

29 32-630 (1) Each person who signs a petition shall, at the time of
30 and in addition to signing, personally affix the date, print his or her
31 last name and first name in full, and affix his or her date of birth and

1 address, including the street and number or a designation of a rural
2 route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office
3 address. A person signing a petition may use his or her initials in place
4 of his or her first name if such person is registered to vote under such
5 initials.

6 (2) Each circulator of a petition shall wear an identification badge
7 that states such circulator's name, shall personally witness the
8 signatures on the petition, and shall sign the circulator's affidavit.

9 (3) No person shall:

10 (a) Sign any name other than his or her own to any petition;

11 (b) Knowingly sign his or her name more than once for the same
12 petition effort or measure;

13 (c) Sign a petition if he or she is not a registered voter and
14 qualified to sign the same except as provided in subdivision (1) of
15 section 32-629;

16 (d) Falsely swear to any signature upon any such petition;

17 (e) Accept money or other thing of value for signing any petition;
18 or

19 (f) Offer money or other thing of value in exchange for a signature
20 upon any petition.

21 **Sec. 5.** (1) Prior to circulating a petition, the sponsor of the
22 petition shall:

23 (a) File with the Secretary of State a list of the names of
24 circulators of the petition who will be handling more than twenty-five
25 sheets of such petition. The sponsor shall update the list at the time
26 petitions are presented to the election commissioner or county clerk for
27 signature verification to include any additional circulator that has
28 circulated more than twenty-five sheets of such petition; and

29 (b) File with the Secretary of State an explanation of how the
30 circulators of the petition will comply with the identification badge
31 requirement in subsection (2) of section 32-630.

1 (2) Every paid circulator of a petition shall be subject to a
2 criminal background check by the sponsor of the petition to ensure
3 compliance with subdivision (2) of section 32-629.

4 **Sec. 6.** Original sections 32-101, 32-628, 32-629, and 32-630,
5 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.