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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to candidate filing forms; to amend section
- 2 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to make
- 3 information confidential for judges desiring retention; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 32-607 (1)(a) All candidate filing forms shall contain the following
4 statement: I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of
5 Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that
6 I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will
7 serve if elected. Candidate filing forms shall also contain the following
8 information regarding the candidate: Name, as provided under subdivision
9 (b) of this subsection; residence address; mailing address if different
10 from the residence address; telephone number; office sought; party
11 affiliation if the office sought is a partisan office; a statement as to
12 whether or not civil penalties are owed pursuant to the Nebraska
13 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; and, if civil penalties are
14 owed, whether or not a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision
15 (4)(b) of section 32-602. An email address shall also be included on the
16 filing form as an optional field.

17 (b) The name contained on a candidate filing form shall be the name
18 by which the candidate is generally known in the community and by which
19 the candidate is distinguished from others and shall not contain titles,
20 characterizations, or designations.

21 (2) Candidate filing forms shall be filed with the following filing
22 officers:

23 (a) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office,
24 directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of
25 reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts,
26 directors of metropolitan utilities districts, members of the boards of
27 educational service units, members of governing boards of community
28 colleges, delegates to national conventions, and other offices filled by
29 election held in more than one county and judges desiring retention, in
30 the office of the Secretary of State;

31 (b) For officers elected within a county, in the office of the

1 election commissioner or county clerk;

2 (c) For officers in school districts which include land in adjoining
3 counties, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of
4 the county in which the greatest number of registered voters entitled to
5 vote for the officers reside; and

6 (d) For city or village officers, in the office of the election
7 commissioner or county clerk.

8 (3) Objections to the name of a candidate submitted on a candidate
9 filing form may be made and passed upon in the same manner as objections
10 to a candidate filing form pursuant to section 32-624.

11 (4) The residence address, mailing address, and telephone number
12 contained in the candidate filing form for judges desiring retention
13 shall be kept confidential by the filing officer.

14 **Sec. 2.** Original section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative
15 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.