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In Senate, March 19, 2013

**An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Candidate Nominations by
Petition**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.
Cosponsored by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville and
Senators: MASON of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford, TUTTLE of York,
Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, RUSSELL of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. By whom signed.** A nomination petition may be signed only by unenrolled voters
5 of the electoral division ~~which~~ that is to make the nomination, except that nomination
6 petitions for presidential electors may be signed by any Maine voter. Other signatures are
7 void.

8 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 362, §§2 and 3, is
9 further amended to read:

10 **5. Number of signatures required.** Nomination petitions must be signed by the
11 following numbers of voters:

12 A. For a slate of candidates for the office of presidential elector, at least 4,000 and
13 not more than 6,000 voters;

14 B. For a candidate for Governor, at least ~~4,000~~ 2,000 and not more than ~~6,000~~ 3,000
15 voters;

16 C. For a candidate for United States Senator, at least ~~4,000~~ 2,000 and not more than
17 ~~6,000~~ 3,000 voters;

18 D. For a candidate for United States Representative, at least ~~2,000~~ 1,000 and not
19 more than ~~3,000~~ 1,500 voters;

20 E. For a candidate for county office other than county commissioner or county
21 charter commission member, at least ~~300~~ 150 and not more than ~~400~~ 200 voters;

22 E-1. For a candidate for county commissioner, at least ~~100~~ 50 and not more than ~~150~~
23 75 voters;

24 F. For a candidate for State Senator, at least ~~200~~ 100 and not more than ~~300~~ 150
25 voters;

26 G. For a candidate for State Representative, at least ~~50~~ 25 and not more than ~~80~~ 40
27 voters; and

28 H. For a candidate for county charter commission member, at least 50 and not more
29 than 80 voters.

30 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§7, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 264, §1, is
31 further amended to read:

32 B. Petitions must be delivered to the registrar, or clerk at the request or upon the
33 absence of the registrar, for certification by 5 p.m. on ~~May 25th~~ March 8th in the
34 election year in which the petitions are to be used, except that petitions for a slate of
35 candidates for the office of presidential elector must be delivered for certification by
36 5 p.m. on August 8th in the election year in which the petitions are to be used.

