

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 98

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-618,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change signature
- 3 requirements for nomination of partisan candidates by petition; and
- 4 to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-618 (1) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to
4 place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot for the general
5 election shall be as follows:

6 (a) For each nonpartisan office other than members of the Board of
7 Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members of a Class III
8 school district, at least ten percent of the total number of registered
9 voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the
10 immediately preceding general election in the district or political
11 subdivision in which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed two
12 thousand;

13 (b) For members of the Board of Regents of the University of
14 Nebraska, at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters
15 voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately
16 preceding general election in the regent district in which the officer is
17 to be elected, not to exceed one thousand; and

18 (c) For board members of a Class III school district, at least
19 twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for the board member
20 receiving the highest number of votes at the immediately preceding
21 general election in the school district.

22 (2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place
23 the name of a candidate for an office upon the partisan ballot for the
24 general election shall be as follows: at least ten percent of the
25 registered voters entitled to vote for the office.

26 (a) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
27 of the entire state, at least four thousand, and at least seven hundred
28 fifty signatures shall be obtained in each congressional district in the
29 state;

30 (b) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
31 of a county, at least twenty percent of the total number of registered

1 voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the
2 immediately preceding general election within the county, not to exceed
3 two thousand, except that the number of signatures shall not be required
4 to exceed twenty-five percent of the total number of registered voters
5 voting for the office at the immediately preceding general election; and

6 (c) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters
7 of a political subdivision other than a county, at least twenty percent
8 of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President
9 of the United States at the immediately preceding general election within
10 the political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.

11 Sec. 2. Original section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of
12 Nebraska, is repealed.