



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 298**

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**Chairperson:** Ray Aguilar  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** January 25, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 298 modifies Neb. Rev. Stat. 32-618 by increasing the number of signatures required to place the name of a candidate on the ballot for a statewide, partisan office from the current requirement of 2,000 signatures to a new requirement of 4,000 signatures. LB 298 further provides that at least 50 signatures must be obtained in each of one-third of the counties in the state.

In addition, for each non-partisan office other than members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members of a Class III school district, 32-618 currently requires that the number of signatures required to place a candidate on the ballot shall be at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election in the district or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected. LB 298 would place a 2,000 signature cap on this requirement.

For the same non-partisan offices, 32-618 currently requires that if the district in which the petitions are circulated comprises more than two counties, at least 25 signatures shall be obtained in each county comprising the district. LB 298 would make this 25 signature requirement applicable in only those counties that have at least 100 registered voters.

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