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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-618, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the number of
3 signatures needed for nomination by petition in certain
4 partisan offices; to repeal the original section; and to
5 declare an emergency.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

6 (a) For each nonpartisan office other than members of the
7 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and board members of a
8 Class III school district, at least ten percent of the total number
9 of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United
10 States at the immediately preceding general election in the district
11 or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected, not
12 to exceed two thousand; ~~-. If the district in which the petitions are~~
13 ~~circulated comprises two or more counties, at least twenty five~~
14 ~~signatures shall be obtained in each county which has at least one~~
15 ~~hundred registered voters in the district;~~

16 (b) For members of the Board of Regents of the University
17 of Nebraska, at least ten percent of the total number of registered
18 voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the
19 immediately preceding general election in the regent district in
20 which the officer is to be elected, not to exceed one thousand; ~~and -~~
21 ~~If the regent district in which the petitions are circulated~~
22 ~~comprises more than two counties, at least twenty five signatures~~
23 ~~shall be obtained in each of two fifths of the counties comprising~~
24 ~~the district; and~~

25 (c) For board members of a Class III school district, at

1 least twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for the board
2 member receiving the highest number of votes at the immediately
3 preceding general election in the school district.

4 (2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed
5 to place the name of a candidate upon the partisan ballot for the
6 general election shall be as follows:

7 (a) For each partisan office to be filled by the
8 registered voters of the entire state, at least four thousand, and at
9 least seven hundred fifty signatures shall be obtained in each of
10 ~~one-third of the counties~~ congressional district in the state; and

11 (b) For each partisan office to be filled by the
12 registered voters of a county or political subdivision, at least
13 twenty percent of the total vote for Governor or President of the
14 United States at the immediately preceding general election within
15 the county or political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.

16 The number of signatures shall not be required to exceed
17 one-fourth of the total number of registered voters voting for the
18 office at the immediately preceding general election when the
19 nomination is for a partisan office to be filled by the registered
20 voters of a county.

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

23 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
24 when passed and approved according to law.