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LEGISLATIVE BILL 879

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-618, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change requirements for
- 3 certain petition candidates; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-618, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2014, is 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 at least ten percent of the registered voters
25 entitled to vote for the office. ~~as follows:~~

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; and~~

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

1 ~~total vote for Governor or President of the United States at the~~
2 ~~immediately preceding general election within the county or political~~
3 ~~subdivision, not to exceed two thousand.~~

4 ~~The number of signatures shall not be required to exceed one-fourth~~
5 ~~of the total number of registered voters voting for the office at the~~
6 ~~immediately preceding general election when the nomination is for a~~
7 ~~partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a county.~~

8 Sec. 2. Original section 32-618, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.