

Section 1: An Act to Establish Signature Thresholds for Independent Candidate Ballot Access

Section 2: Amendments to New York Election Law §6-142

Election

§ 6-142. Independent nominations; number of signatures.

1. An independent nominating petition for candidates to be voted for by all the voters of the state must be signed by at least ~~forty-five~~ ten thousand voters, or one percent of the total number of votes, excluding blank and void ballots, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election, whichever is less, of whom at least five hundred, or one percent of enrolled voters, whichever is less, shall reside in each of one-half of the congressional districts of the State.
2. An independent nominating petition for the nomination of candidates for an office to be filled by the voters of any other political unit must be signed by voters numbering five per centum of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in such unit, excluding blank and void votes, except that not more than three thousand five hundred signatures shall be required upon any such petition for any office to be filled in any political subdivision of the state wholly outside the city of New York, and not more than the following numbers of signatures shall be required upon any such petition for the following public offices respectively:
 - (a) for any office to be filled in any county or portion thereof outside the city of New York, one thousand five hundred;
 - (b) for any office to be filled by all the voters of the city of New York, seven thousand five hundred;
 - (b-1) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any two counties in such city, four thousand;
 - (c) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any county or borough in such city, four thousand;
 - (d) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any municipal court district, three thousand signatures;
 - (d-1) for any office to be filled in the city of New York by all the voters of any city council district, two thousand seven hundred;
 - (e) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any congressional district, three thousand five hundred;
 - (f) for any office to be filled by all the voters of any state senatorial district, three thousand;
 - (g) for any office to be filled by all the voters of an assembly

district, one thousand five hundred;

(h) for the office of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority, five hundred;

(i) for any office to be filled by the voters of any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision except as herein otherwise provided, not to exceed the number of signatures required for the larger subdivision.

Section 3. If any provision of this act is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.