

Section 1: The Political Party Qualification Standards Act

Section 2: Amendments to Title 4 Subtitle 1 Section 102

§ 4-102. New political parties.(a) Any group of registered voters may form a new political party by:

- (1) filing with the State Board on the prescribed form a petition meeting the requirements of subsection (b) of this section and of Title 6 of this article; and
- (2) adopting and filing an interim constitution and bylaws in accordance with subsection (e) of this section.

(b)

(1) The petition shall state:

- (i) the partisan organization's intent to organize a State political party;
- (ii) the name of the partisan organization;
- (iii) the name and signature of the State chairman of the partisan organization; and
- (iv) the names and addresses of 25 registered voters, including the State chairman, who shall be designated as constituting the initial governing body of the partisan organization.

(2)

- (i) Appended to the petition shall be papers bearing the signatures of at least ~~10,000~~ 5,000 registered voters who are eligible to vote in the State as of the first day of the month in which the petition is submitted.
- (ii) Signatures on the petition must have been affixed to the petition not more than 2 years before the filing date of the last qualifying signature.

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.