

Section 1: An Act to Establish Signature Thresholds for Ballot Access for Candidates With No Party Affiliation

Section 2: Amendments to Title IX Chapter 103 Section 103.021(3)

103.021 Nomination for presidential electors.—Candidates for presidential electors shall be nominated in the following manner:

(3) Candidates for President and Vice President with no party affiliation may have their names printed on the general election ballots if a petition is signed by 1 percent of the registered voters of this state, as shown by the compilation by the Department of State for the last preceding general election, or 5,000 registered voters in this state, whichever is less. A separate petition from each county for which signatures are solicited shall be submitted to the supervisor of elections of the respective county no later than noon on July 15 of each presidential election year. The supervisor shall check the names and, on or before the date of the primary election, shall certify the number shown as registered voters of the county. The supervisor shall be paid by the person requesting the certification the cost of checking the petitions as prescribed in s. 99.097. The supervisor shall then forward the certificate to the Department of State which shall determine whether or not the percentage factor required in this section has been met. When the percentage factor required in this section has been met, the Department of State shall order the names of the candidates for whom the petition was circulated to be included on the ballot and shall allow the required number of persons to be certified as presidential electors in the same manner as party candidates.

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.