

Section 1: The Fair Ballot Access Act

Section 2: Amendments to Montana Code 13-10-502

13-10-502. Signature requirements for petition. (1) The petition for nomination must be signed by electors residing within the state and district or political subdivision in which the officer or officers are to be elected. Each signature line must contain spaces for the signature, post-office address, and printed last name of the signer.

~~(2) The number of signatures must be 5% or more of the total vote cast for the successful candidate for the same office at the last general election.~~

(2) The petition must be signed by at least 1 % of the registered voters in this state at the last General election, or a total of 5,000 signatures from voters registered in this state, whichever is less.

(3) If the office sought is a new office or the boundaries of the district or political subdivision in which the election is to be held have changed since the last election for the office, the officer with whom nominations for the office sought are filed shall determine the number of signatures required for a petition of nomination for that office.

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.