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signatures required; nomination petitions

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CHAPTER 187

SENATE BILL 1664

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-322, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ELECTION
NOMINATING PROCEDURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-322, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-322. Number of signatures required on nomination petitions

5 A. Nomination petitions shall be signed by a number of qualified
6 signers equal to:

7 1. If for a candidate for the office of United States senator or
8 for a state office, excepting members of the legislature and superior
9 court judges, at least one-fourth of one percent but not more than ten
10 percent of the total number of qualified signers in ~~the~~ THIS state.

11 2. If for a candidate for the office of representative in Congress,
12 at least one-half of one percent but not more than ten percent of the
13 total number of qualified signers in the district from which the
14 representative shall be elected, except that if for a candidate for a
15 special election to fill a vacancy in the office of representative in
16 Congress, at least one-fourth of one percent but not more than ten percent
17 of the total number of qualified signers in the district from which the
18 representative shall be elected.

19 3. If for a candidate for the office of member of the legislature,
20 at least one-half of one percent but not more than three percent of the
21 total number of qualified signers in the district from which the member of
22 the legislature may be elected.

23 4. If for a candidate for a county office or superior court judge,
24 at least one percent but not more than ten percent of the total number of
25 qualified signers in the county or district, except that if for a
26 candidate from a county with a population of two hundred thousand persons
27 or more, at least one-fourth of one percent but not more than ten percent
28 of the total number of qualified signers in the county or district.

29 5. If for a candidate for a community college district, at least
30 one-quarter of one percent but not more than ten percent of the total
31 voter registration in the precinct as established pursuant to section
32 15-1441. Notwithstanding the total voter registration in the community
33 college district, the maximum number of signatures required by this
34 paragraph is one thousand.

35 6. If for a candidate for county precinct committeeman, at least
36 two percent but not more than ten percent of the party voter registration
37 in the precinct or ten signatures, whichever is less.

38 ~~7. If for a candidate for justice of the peace or constable~~ In a
39 county with a population of one million persons or more: ~~;~~

40 (a) IF FOR A CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, at least one
41 percent but not more than ten percent of the number of qualified signers
42 in the precinct.

43 (b) IF FOR A CANDIDATE FOR CONSTABLE, AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF THE
44 NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SIGNERS IN THE JUSTICE PRECINCT OR ONE THOUSAND

1 SIGNATURES, WHICHEVER IS LESS, BUT NOT MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE NUMBER
2 OF QUALIFIED SIGNERS IN THE JUSTICE PRECINCT.

3 8. If for a candidate for justice of the peace or constable in a
4 county with a population of less than one million persons, at least one
5 percent but not more than ten percent of the number of qualified signers
6 in the precinct or three hundred signatures, whichever is less.

7 9. If for a candidate for mayor or other office nominated by a city
8 at large, at least five percent and not more than ten percent of the
9 designated party vote in the city, except that a city that chooses to hold
10 nonpartisan elections may provide by ordinance that the minimum number of
11 signatures required for the candidate be one thousand signatures or five
12 percent of the vote in the city, whichever is less, but not more than ten
13 percent of the vote in the city.

14 10. If for an office nominated by ward, precinct or other district
15 of a city, at least five percent and not more than ten percent of the
16 designated party vote in the ward, precinct or other district, except that
17 a city that chooses to hold nonpartisan elections may provide by ordinance
18 that the minimum number of signatures required for the candidate be two
19 hundred fifty signatures or five percent of the vote in the district,
20 whichever is less, but not more than ten percent of the vote in the
21 district.

22 11. If for a candidate for an office nominated by a town at large,
23 by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the
24 candidate whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least
25 five percent and not more than ten percent of the vote in the town, except
26 that a town that chooses to hold nonpartisan elections may provide by
27 ordinance that the minimum number of signatures required for the candidate
28 be one thousand signatures or five percent of the vote in the town,
29 whichever is less, but not more than ten percent of the vote in the town.

30 12. If for a candidate for a governing board of a school district
31 or a career technical education district, at least one-half of one percent
32 of the total voter registration in the school district or career technical
33 education district if the board members are elected at large or one
34 percent of the total voter registration in the single member district if
35 governing board members are elected from single member districts or
36 one-half of one percent of the total voter registration in the single
37 member district if career technical education district board members are
38 elected from single member districts. Notwithstanding the total voter
39 registration in the school district, career technical education district
40 or single member district of the school district or career technical
41 education district, the maximum number of signatures required by this
42 paragraph is four hundred.

43 13. If for a candidate for a governing body of a special district
44 as described in title 48, at least one-half of one percent of the vote in

1 the special district but not more than two hundred fifty and not fewer
2 than five signatures.

3 B. The basis of percentage in each instance referred to in
4 subsection A of this section, except in cities, towns and school
5 districts, shall be the number of qualified signers as determined from the
6 voter registration totals as reported pursuant to section 16-168,
7 subsection H on January 2 of the year in which the general election is
8 held. In cities, the basis of percentage shall be the vote of the party
9 for mayor at the last preceding election at which a mayor was elected. In
10 towns, the basis of percentage shall be the highest vote cast for an
11 elected official of the town at the last preceding election at which an
12 official of the town was elected. In school districts or career technical
13 education districts, the basis of percentage shall be the total number of
14 active registered voters in the school district or career technical
15 education district or single member district, whichever applies. The
16 total number of active registered voters for school districts or career
17 technical education districts shall be calculated using the periodic
18 reports prepared by the county recorder pursuant to section 16-168,
19 subsection H. The count that is reported on January 2 of the year in
20 which the general election is held shall be the basis for the calculation
21 of total voter registration for school districts or career technical
22 education districts.

23 C. In primary elections the signature requirement for party
24 nominees, other than nominees of the parties entitled to continued
25 representation pursuant to section 16-804, is at least one-tenth of one
26 percent of the total vote for the winning candidate or candidates for
27 governor or presidential electors at the last general election within the
28 district. Signatures must be obtained from qualified electors who are
29 qualified to vote for the candidate whose nomination petition they are
30 signing.

31 D. If new boundaries for congressional districts or legislative
32 districts are established and effective subsequent to January 2 of the
33 year of a general election and before the first date for filing of
34 nomination petitions, the basis for determining the required number of
35 nomination petition signatures is the number of qualified signers in the
36 elective office or district that was effective on January 2 of the year of
37 a general election. If new boundaries for supervisorial districts,
38 justice precincts or election precincts are adopted after January 2 of the
39 year of a general election and before the last date for filing of
40 nomination petitions for the elective office, district or precinct, the
41 basis for determining the required number of nomination petition
42 signatures is the number of qualified signers in the elective office,
43 district or precinct on the effective date of the new district or
44 precinct.

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