

On page 1, line 1, of the Introduced bill, delete "establish the crime of" and insert "enhance the penalty for"

On page 1, line 1, of the Introduced bill, after "perjury" delete " and provide a penalty therefor"

On page 1, line 20, of the Introduced bill, delete " petition circulation perjury pursuant to section 2 of this Act" and insert " a Class 6 felony"

On page 1, after line 22, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

Section 2. That § 12-6-8 be AMENDED:

12-6-8. No person may sign the nominating petition of a candidate before January first in the year in which the election is to be held, nor for whom the person is not entitled to vote, nor for a political candidate of a party of which the person is not a member, nor for more than the number of candidates required to be nominated for the same office. The signer or circulator shall add the signer's place of residence and the date of signing. The signer's post office box number may be given in lieu of a street address if the signer lives within a municipality of the second or third class. A formal declaration of the candidate shall be signed by the candidate before the circulation of petitions. The signed declaration of the candidate shall accompany and be a part of the petition. An original signed declaration shall accompany the group of petitions upon filing.

The petition shall be verified under oath by the persons circulating the petition. The verification by the person circulating the petition may not be notarized by the candidate whom the petition is nominating. Any person circulating a petition who falsely attests to the verification is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

A nominating petition for any election shall be a self-contained sheet of paper in order to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot. The provisions of this section may not prohibit a person registered with party affiliation from signing either a petition nominating an independent or a nonpolitical candidate for office if the person has not previously signed a petition for that office to be filled."

On page 1, line 23, of the Introduced bill, after "misdemeanor." delete "Section 2. That chapter 22-29 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

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On page 1, line 24, of the Introduced bill, after "SECTION:" delete "Any person who, having taken an oath attesting to having personally circulated any petition to initiate an amendment to the Constitution, initiated measure, referred law, or to nominate any candidate for any political office, states, intentionally or contrary to the oath, any material matter that the person knows to be false, is guilty of perjury pursuant to subdivision 22-29-5(3)."