



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 183

Introduced by: **Senator Lake**

1 **An Act to revise the signature requirements for the nominating petitions for certain**
 2 **elected offices.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** That § 12-6-7 be AMENDED:

5 **12-6-7. Nominating petitions--Several sheets--Signature requirements.**

6 A nominating petition may be composed of several sheets, each sheet shall have
 7 identical headings printed at the top and shall be a self-contained sheet of paper. The
 8 petition for party office or political public office shall be signed by not less than one percent
 9 of the voters who voted for that party's gubernatorial candidate at the last gubernatorial
 10 election in the county, part of the county, district, or state electing a candidate to fill the
 11 office. If the party meets the requirement for alternative political status as defined in § 12-
 12 1-3.1, the petition for party office or political public office shall be signed by not less than
 13 one percent of the voters who voted for that party's statewide candidate receiving the
 14 highest votes at the last gubernatorial election in the county, part of the county, district,
 15 or state electing a candidate to fill the office. If a county uses vote centers and does not
 16 print ballots by precinct, signature requirements for both partisan and independent
 17 candidates are:

- 18 (1) Fifty signatures for a legislative candidate whose district either in whole or in part
 19 includes that county;
- 20 (2) ~~Thirty signatures~~ The lesser of thirty signatures or signatures from three-quarters
 21 of a percent of the registered voters of that particular party in a district for a county
 22 candidate;
- 23 (3) ~~Fifteen signatures~~ The lesser of fifteen signatures or half the number of signatures
 24 required under subdivision (2), for county commissioner district candidates;
- 25 (4) Five signatures for a new party legislative candidate whose district either in whole
 26 or in part includes that county;

- 1 (5) Five signatures for a new party county candidate; or
- 2 (6) Three signatures for a new party county commissioner district candidate.