

2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 183**AMENDMENT 183B FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

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 a candidate for the Legislature shall designate the senatorial or representative
9 district number and house for which the person is a candidate.

10 The petition for party office or political public office shall be signed by ~~not less than~~
11 the lesser of fifty voters or one percent of the voters who voted for that party's
12 gubernatorial candidate at the last gubernatorial election in the county, part of the county,
13 district, or state electing a candidate to fill the office. If the party meets the requirement
14 for alternative political status as defined in § 12-1-3.1, the petition for party office or
15 political public office shall be signed by ~~not less than the lesser of fifty voters or~~
16 one percent of the voters who voted for that party's statewide candidate receiving the highest
17 votes at the last gubernatorial election in the county, part of the county, district, or state
18 electing a candidate to fill the office. If a county uses vote centers and does not print
19 ballots by precinct, signature requirements ~~for both partisan and independent candidates~~
20 are:

- 21 (1) ~~Fifty~~ For both partisan and independent candidates, fifty signatures for a legislative
22 candidate whose district either in whole or in part includes that county;
- 23 (2) ~~Thirty signatures~~ The lesser of thirty signatures or signatures from three-quarters
24 of a percent of the registered voters of that particular party in a district ~~For~~ a
25 county candidate:

- 1 (a) Partisan candidate petitions shall be signed by the lesser of fifty voter
2 signatures or signatures from one percent of the voters who voted for that
3 party's gubernatorial candidate, or the party's statewide candidate receiving
4 the highest votes if the party meets the requirement for alternative party
5 status as defined in § 12-1-3.1, at the last gubernatorial election in the
6 county electing a candidate to fill the office; or
7 (b) Independent candidate petitions shall be signed by not less than one
8 percent of the total combined vote for Governor at the last certified election
9 within the county electing a candidate to fill the office;
10 (3) ~~Fifteen signatures~~ The lesser of fifteen signatures or half ~~Half~~ the number of
11 signatures required under subdivision (2), for county commissioner district
12 candidates;
13 (4) Five signatures for a new party legislative candidate whose district either in whole
14 or in part includes that county;
15 (5) Five signatures for a new party county candidate; or
16 (6) Three signatures for a new party county commissioner district candidate.

17 **Section 2.** That § 12-6-7.1 be REPEALED.

18 **12-6-7.1. Petition for candidate for Legislature, county political public office,**
19 **or county party office.**