

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the petition signature requirements for municipal elections.

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

Section 1. That § 9-13-9 be amended to read:

9-13-9. In municipalities of the first and second class, if the candidate is to be voted for by the voters at large, a nominating petition shall be signed by five percent of the registered voters of the municipality based on the number of registered voters recorded by the county auditor on the second Tuesday in January of the year of the election. No petition need be signed by more than fifty voters.

If the candidate is to be voted for by the voters of a ward of a municipality of the first or second class having more than one ward, a nominating petition shall be signed by five percent of the registered voters of the ward based on the number of registered voters recorded by the county auditor on the second Tuesday in January of the year of the election. No petition need be signed by more than fifty voters.

In municipalities of the third class, if the candidate is to be voted for by the voters at large, the nominating petition shall be signed by not less than three registered voters of the municipality. If the candidate is to be voted for by the voters of a ward of a municipality having more than one ward, the nominating petition shall be signed by not less than three registered voters of the ward. A petition signer in a municipality of the third class is not restricted in the number of petitions which the person may sign.

No nominating petition may be circulated until on or after the last Friday in January before the election.

Section 2. That § 9-20-1 be amended to read:

9-20-1. The registered voters of any municipality may propose ordinances and resolutions for the

government of the municipality if the petition is signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the municipality. The percentage shall be based on the number of registered voters of the municipality as recorded by the county auditor on the second Tuesday in January in the year of the election.

Section 3. That § 9-20-8 be amended to read:

9-20-8. The referendum petition shall be signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the municipality. The percentage shall be based on the number of registered voters of the municipality as recorded by the county auditor on the second Tuesday in January in the year of the election. The signer or circulator shall add the signer's residence address, county of voter registration, and 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.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 99

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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Received at this Executive Office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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The attached Act is hereby approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
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