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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Senate Bill 286

Senate Amendment 1

CURRENT LAW

Current law generally requires candidates running for elected office to submit nomination signatures within a specified numerical range. For example, candidates running for statewide office must file “not less than 2,000 nor more than 4,000 signatures.” A candidate who fails to submit at least the minimum number of valid signatures will not qualify for the ballot.

2023 SENATE BILL 286

2023 Senate Bill 286 imposes a requirement on the filing official who receives nomination papers that applies when a candidate does not have enough valid signatures to meet the minimum number required to qualify for the ballot after the filing official reviews signatures up to the statutory maximum. If a candidate submits additional signatures above the statutory maximum and a review of that number of signatures does not result in a sufficient number of valid signatures, then the filing official **must** review the additional signatures to the extent necessary to determine whether the candidate has a sufficient number of valid signatures.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the filing official must not count supplemental signatures if the official determines the number of supplemental signatures impeded the ability of the candidate’s opponent to collect the required number of signatures for the office.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator James on November 9, 2023. On January 11, 2024, the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections, and Consumer Protection adopted the amendment and passed the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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