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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT  
CANDIDATES

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, and Abney

Date Introduced: January 24, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-14-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-14 entitled "Nomination  
2 of Party and Independent Candidates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-14-7. Number of signers required for nomination papers.** -- (a) United States  
4 senator or governor. - The nomination papers of a candidate for the party nomination or an  
5 independent candidate for presidential elector, United States senator, or governor shall be signed,  
6 in the aggregate, by at least one thousand (1,000) voters.

7 (b) Representative in Congress. - The nomination papers of a candidate for the party  
8 nomination or an independent candidate for representative in congress shall be signed, in the  
9 aggregate, by at least five hundred (500) voters.

10 (c) General state offices. - The nomination papers of a candidate for the party nomination  
11 or an independent candidate for any of the general offices of the state, excluding governor, shall  
12 be signed, in the aggregate, by at least five hundred (500) voters.

13 (d) State senator. - The nomination papers of a candidate for a party nomination or  
14 independent candidate for senator in any senatorial district shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at  
15 least one hundred (100) voters of the senatorial district.

16 (e) State representative. - The nomination papers of a candidate for party nomination or  
17 an independent candidate for a member of the house of representatives from any representative  
18 district shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least fifty (50) voters of the representative district.

1           (f) City offices. - The nomination papers of a candidate for party nomination or an  
2 independent candidate for any local office to be filled by the voters of any city at large shall be  
3 signed, in the aggregate, by at least two hundred (200) voters of the city, except that in the case of  
4 a candidate for school committee in a city, the minimum number of signatures required shall be at  
5 least one hundred (100); provided, that in the city of Providence, at least five hundred (500)  
6 signatures shall be required.

7           (g) Voting district moderator or clerk. - The nomination papers for a candidate for voting  
8 district moderator or clerk in any town shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least ten (10) voters  
9 of the voting district.

10           (h) Other offices. - The nomination papers of a candidate for party nomination for other  
11 offices covered by section 17-15-7, or for the election of delegates or for unendorsed party  
12 committee candidates, shall be signed, in the aggregate, by fifty (50) voters.

13           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would provide that in a city, the minimum number of signatures required on the  
2 nomination papers to run for the office of school committee would be one hundred (100)  
3 signatures.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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