

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS-NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATES-CITY OF WOONSOCKET

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: May 30, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(by request)

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.**

4 (a) United States senator or governor. The nomination papers of a candidate for the party
5 nomination or an independent candidate for presidential elector, United States senator, or
6 governor shall be signed, 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 an
17 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, provided that the city of
4 Newport, for at-large candidates or candidates for school committee, at least one hundred (100)
5 signatures shall be required; provided, further, that in the city of Woonsocket, for candidates for
6 citywide nonpartisan office, including city council, mayor, and candidates for school committee,
7 if elected, at least one hundred (100) signatures shall be required; and provided, further that in the
8 city of Providence, at least five hundred (500) signatures shall be required.

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

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

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

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- 1 This act would provide that nomination papers for certain candidates for citywide
2 nonpartisan office in the city of Woonsocket would require at least one hundred (100) signatures.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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