

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 169

Short Title: Independent Candidate Requirements.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Mavretic.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 16, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOT ACCESS BY
UNAFFILIATED STATEWIDE CANDIDATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-122(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) If the office is a statewide office, file written petitions with the State Board of Elections supporting his candidacy for a specified office. These petitions must be filed with the State Board of Elections on or before 12:00 noon on the last Friday in June preceding the general election and must be signed by qualified voters of the State equal in number to ~~two percent (2%)~~ one-half percent (0.5%) of the total number of registered voters in the State as reflected by the most recent statistical report issued by the State Board of Elections. Each petition shall be presented to the chairman of the board of elections of the county in which the signatures were obtained. The chairman shall examine the names on the petition and place a check mark on the petition by the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to vote in his county and shall attach to the petition his signed certificate. Said certificates shall state that the signatures on the petition have been checked against the registration records and shall indicate the number of signers to be qualified and registered to vote in his county. The chairman shall return each petition, together with the certificate required in this section, to the person who presented it to him for checking. Verification by the chairman of the county board of

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1 elections shall be completed within two weeks from the date such
2 petitions are presented and a fee of five cents (5¢) for each name
3 appearing on the petition has been received."

4 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.