

**HB0173****Independent candidate requirements.**

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Haroldson, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Filer, Geringer, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Lien, Locke, McCann, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, S, Webb, Webber, Wharff and Winter and Senator(s) Boner, Pearson, Smith, D and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring independent candidates to swear that they are unaffiliated or not registered with a major or minor political party; revising the number of signatures required for independent candidates to appear on the general election ballot; revising the deadline to file a petition as an independent candidate; and providing for an effective date.

1/13/2025 Bill Number Assigned
1/14/2025 H Received for Introduction
1/23/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H02 - Appropriations
1/24/2025 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 6-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Smith

Nays: Representative Sherwood

Ayes 6 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/24/2025 H Placed on General File

HB0173HS001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 3 After "major" insert "or minor".

Page 2-line 18 After "major" insert "or minor".

Page 5-line 9 Delete "five percent (5%)" and insert "three percent (3%)".

Page 5-line 16 Delete "five percent (5%)" and insert "three percent (3%)". BEAR, CHAIRMAN

1/28/2025 H COW:Passed

HB0173H2001/ADOPTED

Page 6-line 13 Strike "Petitions filed with" and insert "An independent candidate for partisan public office shall give notice of the candidate's intention to be nominated by petition to"; after "state and" strike "with" and insert "to".

Page 6-line 14 Strike "shall be filed".

Page 6-line 16 After "year." insert "The candidate shall have not more than fourteen (14) additional days after giving notice of the candidate's intention to be nominated by petition to file the petition with the secretary of state and with the county clerk.". BROWN, L

1/29/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

1/30/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 49-11-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie
Nays: Representative(s) Campbell, E, Chestek, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin
Excused: Representative(s) Larson, Riggins

Ayes 49 **Nays** 11 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/31/2025 S Received for Introduction

2/11/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S07 - Corporations

2/20/2025 S07 - Corporations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 4-1-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Boner, Dockstader, Landen, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator Case

Ayes 4 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2025 S Placed on General File

2/28/2025 S COW:S Did not consider for COW