

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 134, Page 22, Section 99.845, Line 355, by
2 inserting immediately after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "115.321. 1. Any person desiring to be an independent candidate for any office to be filled by
5 voters throughout the state, or for any congressional district, state senate district, state representative district,
6 or circuit judge district, shall file a petition with the secretary of state. Any person desiring to be an
7 independent candidate for any county office shall file a petition with the election authority of the county.

8 2. Each page or a sheet attached to each page of each petition for the nomination of an independent
9 candidate shall:

10 (1) Declare concisely the intention to nominate an independent candidate;

11 (2) State the name and address, including street and number, of the independent candidate. If
12 independent candidates for presidential elector are to be nominated, a number of independent candidates for
13 presidential elector equal to the number of electors to which the state is entitled shall be nominated by one
14 petition, and the name of their candidate for president and the name of their candidate for vice president shall
15 be printed on each page or a sheet attached to each page of the petition. At least one qualified resident of
16 each congressional district shall be named as a nominee for presidential elector, and the name and address of
17 each candidate shall be printed on each page or a sheet attached to each page of the petition. The names of
18 the candidates for president and vice president shall not be printed on the official ballot without the written
19 consent of such persons. Their written consent shall accompany and be deemed part of the petition;

20 (3) State the office for which candidate is to be nominated.

21 3. If an independent candidate is to be nominated for a statewide office, the petition shall be signed
22 by at least ten thousand registered voters of the state.

23 4. If the independent candidate is to be nominated for a district or county office, the petition shall be
24 signed by the number of registered voters in the district or county which is equal to at least two percent of the
25 total number of voters ~~[who voted]~~ registered to vote at the last election for candidates for the office being
26 sought or is equal to ten thousand voters, whichever is less.

27 5. The name of each person who files a valid petition for nomination as an independent candidate
28 shall be placed on the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office at the next general election or
29 the special election if the petition nominates a candidate to fill a vacancy which is to be filled at a special
30 election. If presidential electors are nominated by the petition, the names of the candidates for elector shall
31 not be placed on the official ballot, but the name of their candidate for president and the name of their
32 candidate for vice president shall be placed on the official ballot at the next presidential election."; and
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34 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
35 accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____