

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 735, Page 1,  
2 Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "115.357. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section, each candidate for  
5 federal, state or county office shall, before filing his or her declaration of candidacy, pay to the  
6 treasurer of the state or county committee of the political party upon whose ticket he or she seeks  
7 nomination a certain sum of money as follows:

8 (1) To the treasurer of the state central committee, five hundred dollars if he or she is a  
9 candidate for statewide office or for United States senator, three hundred dollars if he or she is a  
10 candidate for representative in Congress, circuit judge or state senator, and one hundred fifty dollars  
11 if he or she is a candidate for state representative;

12 (2) To the treasurer of the county central committee, one hundred dollars if he or she is a  
13 candidate for county office.

14 2. The required sum [~~may~~ shall] be submitted by the candidate to the official accepting his  
15 or her declaration of candidacy or to the treasurer of the appropriate state party committee, except  
16 that a candidate required to file his or her declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state shall  
17 pay the required sum directly to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee. All required sums  
18 submitted to the official accepting the candidate's declaration of candidacy or to the treasurer of the  
19 appropriate state party committee shall be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements of subsection  
20 5 of this section and, if submitted to the official accepting the candidate's declaration of candidacy,  
21 shall be forwarded promptly [by the official] to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.

22 3. Any person who cannot pay the fee required to file as a candidate may have the fee  
23 waived by filing a declaration of inability to pay and a petition with his or her declaration of  
24 candidacy. Each such declaration shall be in substantially the following form:

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26 DECLARATION OF INABILITY TO PAY FILING FEE

27 I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby swear that I am [~~financially~~] unable to pay the fee of \_\_\_\_\_ (amount  
28 of fee) to file as a candidate for nomination to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ at the primary election to be held  
29 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

30 \_\_\_\_\_ Subscribed and sworn  
31 Signature of candidate to before me this

32 \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
33 \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

34 \_\_\_\_\_  
35 Residence address Signature of election  
36 official or officer

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 authorized to  
2 administer oaths  
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5 If the candidate's declaration of candidacy is to be filed in person, the declaration of inability to pay  
6 shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the election official who witnesses the  
7 candidate's declaration of candidacy. If his or her declaration of candidacy is to be filed by certified  
8 mail pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.355, the declaration of inability to pay shall be  
9 subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the notary or other officer who witnesses the  
10 candidate's declaration of candidacy. With his or her declaration of inability to pay, the candidate  
11 shall submit a petition endorsing his or her candidacy. Except for the number of signatures required,  
12 each such petition shall, insofar as practicable, be in the form provided in sections 115.321 and  
13 115.325. If the person filing declaration of [~~indigence~~] inability to pay is to be a candidate for  
14 statewide office, his or her petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the state  
15 equal to at least one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast in the state for the office at  
16 the last election in which a candidate ran for the office. If the person filing a declaration of  
17 [~~indigence~~] inability to pay is to be a candidate for any other office, the petition shall be signed by  
18 the number of registered voters in the district or political subdivision which is equal to at least one  
19 percent of the total number of votes cast for the office at the last election in which a candidate ran  
20 for the office. The candidate's declaration of inability to pay and the petition shall be filed at the  
21 same time and in the same manner as his or her declaration of candidacy is filed. The petition shall  
22 be checked and its sufficiency determined in the same manner as new party and independent  
23 candidate petitions.

24 4. No filing fee shall be required of any person who proposes to be an independent  
25 candidate, the candidate of a new party or a candidate for presidential elector.

26 5. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this section, no candidate's name shall be  
27 printed on any official ballot until the required fee has been paid. The required fee shall be  
28 considered to have been paid upon receipt of the required sum by the official accepting a candidate's  
29 declaration of candidacy or by the treasurer of the appropriate state party committee,  
30 notwithstanding the subsequent disposition of those funds."; and  
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32 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
33 accordingly.