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Senate Bill 1025

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1025 as introduced 6/28/90:

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to revise current nominating petition signature requirements for the office of governor and U.S. senator, and for independent candidates (those without party affiliation) for statewide office.

Currently, for nomination by a political party for the office of governor or U.S. senator, petitions must be submitted containing qualified signatures equal to at least 1% of the number of votes cast by the party for the office of secretary of state at the last general election. The bill would eliminate the requirement that petitions contain signatures of at least 100 registered electors in each of at least 20 counties, and that not more than 25% of the minimum number of required signatures be from any one county. The bill would require instead that nominating petitions contain signatures of at least 100 registered electors in each of at least nine congressional districts.

Currently, to qualify for the ballot, an independent candidate for statewide office must file a qualifying petition containing signatures equal in number to at least 1% of the votes cast statewide for all candidates for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. Petitions of statewide candidates also need at least 100 signatures from voters in each of nine congressional districts, and no more than 35% of the signatures can be from any one congressional district. The bill would eliminate the requirement that no more than 35% of the signatures be from any one congressional district.

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Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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