

CHAPTER 496

H.B. No. 2276

AN ACT

relating to the number of signatures required for certain candidates' petitions filed in lieu of a filing fee.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 172.025, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 172.025. NUMBER OF PETITION SIGNATURES REQUIRED. The minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition authorized by Section 172.021(b) is:

- (1) 5,000, for a statewide office; or
- (2) for a district, county, or precinct office, the lesser of:

(A) 500; or

(B) two percent of the number of votes received in the district, county, or precinct, as applicable, by *all the candidates* [~~the political party's nominee~~] for governor in the most recent gubernatorial general election, unless that number is under 50 [25], in which case the required number of signatures is the lesser of:

(i) 50 [25]; or

(ii) 20 [10] percent of *that total vote* [~~such votes~~].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 19, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.