

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 123

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "party;" insert "altering the requirements for a candidate to be nominated by petition;"; and in line 11, strike "and 4-103" and substitute ", 4-103, and 5-703(e)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 13, strike "10,000"; and in the same line, before "registered" insert "1% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 12, insert:

"5-703.

(e) (1) A candidate who seeks nomination by petition may not have the candidate's name placed on the general election ballot unless the candidate files with the appropriate board petitions signed by [:

(i) In the case of an office voted on by the voters of the entire State,] not less than 1% of the total number of registered voters who are eligible to vote [in the State; and

(ii) In the case of an office not voted on by the voters of the entire State, not less than 3% of the registered voters who are eligible to vote] for the office for which the nomination by petition is sought, EXCEPT THAT THE PETITIONS SHALL BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST 250 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THE OFFICE.

(2) The petitions shall be filed as required in Title 6 of this article.

(Over)

(3) The number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) of this section shall be determined as of the deadline for changing party affiliation before the primary election for which the nomination is sought.”.