

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 27

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after "Pinsky" insert "and Senators Collins and Craig (Commission to Revise the Election Code)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with "number" in line 3 down through "ballot" in line 7 and substitute "requirements for a candidate to be nominated by petition; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the nomination of candidates"; strike line 10 and substitute "Section 5-703(e)"; and after line 12, insert:

"(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B. 118/H.B. 127) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 32 on page 2 and substitute:

"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 percent of the registered voters who are eligible to vote] for the office for which the

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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.

(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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.”.