
By: **Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections - Candidates - Petition Signatures**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring candidates for certain political offices in a certain year
4 to include with a certificate of candidacy a petition containing the signatures of
5 a certain number of registered voters eligible to vote for the candidate; providing
6 for a delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
7 generally relating to certificates of candidacy.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 33 - Election Code
10 Section 5-302
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 33 - Election Code**

16 5-302.

17 (a) A certificate of candidacy shall be filed under oath on the prescribed form.

18 (b) The certificate of candidacy shall be filed with the State Board if the
19 candidacy is for:

20 (1) An office to be voted upon by the voters of the entire State;

21 (2) The General Assembly of Maryland;

22 (3) Representative in Congress;

23 (4) The office of judge of the circuit court for a county; or

24 (5) An office of elected delegates to a presidential national convention
25 provided for under Title 8, Subtitle 5 of this article.

1 (c) If the candidacy is for an office other than an office described in subsection
2 (b) of this section, the certificate of candidacy shall be filed with the local board of the
3 applicable county.

4 (D) IN THE YEAR 2000 ONLY, A CANDIDATE FOR AN OFFICE DESCRIBED IN
5 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE WITH A CERTIFICATE OF
6 CANDIDACY A PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE CANDIDACY THAT CONTAINS THE
7 SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST 100 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO
8 VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 January 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of
11 December 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
12 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.