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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 589
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Walker” and substitute “Walker, Howard, Stukes, Kaiser, Ross, Barve, Hixson, Elmore, Myers, Murphy, Frick, and F. Turner”; in line 2, strike “Request for”; in the same line, strike “– Deadline” and substitute “and Nomination by Petition – Requirements”; in line 4, after “election;” insert “altering the date on which the number of petition signatures required for a candidate to be nominated by petition is determined;”; in line 5, strike “the deadline for requesting a” and substitute “requirements concerning”; in line 6, after “affiliation” insert “and nomination by petition”; and in line 14, after “3-303” insert “and 5-703(e)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, 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 not less than 1% of the total number of 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.

(3) The number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) of this section shall be determined as of [the deadline

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for changing party affiliation before] **JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR OF** the primary election for which the nomination is sought.”.