

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB349

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 05, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Murante
One Liner: Change ballot status and write-in provisions for presidential and vice-presidential candidates

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator John Murante
Neal Erickson

Representing:

Introducer
Secretary of State

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 349 provides that any person engaged in a write-in campaign for President of the United States will file with the Secretary of State an affidavit of his or her intent together with an application with the name of the person pursuing the write-in campaign, the written consent of the vice-presidential candidate, and the names and addresses of the persons who will represent the applicant as presidential electors.

The bill also changes the provisions for candidates for President and Vice President of newly established parties. With the bill, the candidates will file an application with the names to be printed on the ballot, the name of the political party, written consent of the vice-presidential candidate and the names and addresses of the persons who will represent the applicant as presidential electors. The requirement that these candidates file a petition is eliminated.

For Presidential and Vice-presidential candidates of a nonpartisan status, they are required to file an application containing the names to be printed on the ballot, the status of the candidacy as nonpartisan, written consent of the vice-presidential candidate and the names and addresses of the persons who will represent the applicant as presidential electors. These candidates will also be required to file a petition signed by not less than 2500 registered voters. This is currently required under law for nonpartisan candidates.

The petitions will be filed with the Secretary of State by August 1 in the year of the presidential general election. The bill eliminates the language that made registered voters who voted in the primary election of any political party ineligible to sign the petitions of any other candidate for President.

Bill Avery, Chairperson