

my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

My voting residence is \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public (or other official)

Examined and certified by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elections Official

WARNING: Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper in his or her possession which is entitled to be filed under Section 18202 of the Elections Code.

**SECTION 41. Section 8062 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

8062. (a) The number of registered voters required to sign a nomination paper for the respective offices ***and political party positions*** are as follows:

(1) ***Statewide Constitutional office, State Insurance Commissioner,*** or United States Senate, not less than 65 nor more than 100.

(2) House of Representatives in Congress, State Senate or Assembly, Board of Equalization, or any office voted for in more than one county, and not statewide, not less than 40 nor more than 60.

(3) Candidacy in a single county or any political subdivision of a county, other than State Senate or Assembly, not less than 20 nor more than 40.

(4) ***Political party county central committee member. ~~When~~*** any political party has less than 50 voters in the state or in the county or district in which the election is to be held, one-tenth the number of voters of the party.

(5) When there are less than 150 voters in the county or district in which the election is to be held, not less than 10 nor more than 20.

**(b) The number of registered voters required to sign a nomination paper for a candidate for the House of Representatives in Congress, State Senate, or State Assembly, to be voted for at a special election to fill a vacancy, shall comply with Section 8062(a) and must be filed in the manner prescribed in Section 10704(a) of this Code.**

(b c) The provisions of this section are mandatory, not directory, and no nomination paper shall be deemed sufficient that does not comply with this section. However, this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit withdrawal of signatures pursuant to Section 8067.

This subdivision also shall not be construed to prohibit a court from validating a signature which was previously rejected upon showing of proof that the voter whose signature is in question is otherwise qualified to sign the nomination paper.

**SECTION 42. Section 8068 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

8068. Signers shall be voters in the district or political subdivision in which the candidate is to be voted on. Signers and shall need not be registered affiliated with the any political party to be eligible to sign nomination papers for a candidate for a voter-nominated office; if any, in which the nomination is proposed, but must be registered with the appropriate party to sign nomination papers for a candidate for a political party central committee.

**SECTION 43. Section 8081 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

8081. Before any nomination document is filed in the office of the county elections official or forwarded for filing in the office of the Secretary of State, the county elections official shall verify (1) the signatures in each case, and (2) the political affiliations party registration in the case of a person seeking a political party position, of the signers on the nomination paper with the registration affidavits on file in the office of the county elections official. The county elections official shall mark "not sufficient" any signature (a) that does not appear in the same handwriting as appears on the affidavit of registration in his or her office, or, (b) in the case of a political party position, that is accompanied by a declaration of party affiliation registration that is not in accordance with the declaration of party affiliation registration in the affidavit of registration. The county elections official may cease to verify signatures once the minimum requisite number of signatures has been verified.

**SECTION 44. Section 8106 of the Elections Code is amended to read:**

8106. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a candidate may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of a filing fee as follows:

- (1) For the office of California State Assembly, 1,500 signatures.
- (2) For the office of California State Senate and the United States House of Representatives, 3,000 signatures.
- (3) For candidates running for statewide office, 10,000 signatures.
- (4) For all other offices for which a filing fee is required, if the number of registered voters in the district in which he or she seeks nomination is 2,000 or more, a candidate may submit a petition containing four signatures of registered voters for each dollar of the filing fee, or 10 percent of the total of registered voters in the district in which he or she seeks nomination, whichever is less.
- (5) For all other offices for which a filing fee is required, if the number of registered voters in the district in which he or she seeks nomination is less than 2,000, a candidate may submit a petition containing four signatures of registered voters for each dollar of the filing fee, or 20 percent of the total of registered voters in the district in which he or she seeks nomination, whichever is less.

~~(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a candidate seeking the nomination of a qualified party with whom he or she is registered, the registered voters of which who were eligible to vote at the last statewide election constituted less than 5 percent of all registered voters eligible to vote at the last statewide election, may submit a petition containing signatures of 10 percent of the registered voters of that party in the district in which he or she seeks nomination, or 150 signatures, whichever is less.~~

~~(7)~~ (6) A voter may sign both a candidate's nomination papers and his or her in-lieu-filing-fee petition. However, if signatures appearing on the documents are counted towards both the nomination paper and the in-lieu-filing-fee petition signature requirements, a person may only sign one of the documents.

(b) The Secretary of State or an elections official shall furnish to each candidate, upon request, and without charge therefor, forms for securing signatures. The number of forms which the elections official shall furnish a candidate shall be a quantity that provides the candidates with spaces for signatures sufficient in number to equal the number of signatures that the candidate is required to secure pursuant to subdivision (a) if the candidate desires that number of forms. However, the elections official, rather than provide the candidate with the number of forms set forth in the preceding sentence, or upon the request of a candidate, may provide the candidate with a master form that may be duplicated by the candidate at the candidate's expense for the purpose of circulating additional petitions. The Secretary of State shall provide the master form. The elections official may provide candidates a form other than the master form provided by the Secretary of State. However, that form shall meet all statutory requirements, and the elections official shall also make available and accept the master form provided by the Secretary of State. All forms shall be made available commencing 45 days before the first day for circulating nomination papers. However, in cases of vacancies for which a special election is authorized or required to be held to fill the vacancy, and where the prescribed nomination period would commence less than 45 days after the creation of the vacancy, the forms shall be made available within five working days after the creation of the vacancy. No other form except the form furnished by the Secretary of State or the elections official or forms duplicated from a master form shall be used to secure signatures. Each petition section shall bear an affidavit signed by the circulator, in substantially the same form as set forth in Section 8041. The substitution of signatures for fees shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote.

(2) If a voter signs more candidates' petitions than there are offices to be filled, the voter's signatures shall be valid only on those petitions which, taken in the order they were filed, do not exceed the number of offices to be filled.

(3) In-lieu-filing-fee petitions shall be filed at least 15 days prior to the close of the nomination period. Upon receipt of the minimum number of in-lieu-filing-fee signatures required, or a sufficient combination of signatures and pro rata filing fee, the elections official shall issue nomination papers provisionally. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to the close of the nomination period, either submit a supplemental petition, or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.

(4) If the petition is circulated for an office in more than one county, the candidate shall submit the signatures to the elections official in the county in which the petition