HB6000

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/10/2010, by Rep. Joseph M. Lyons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 20/21-28	from Ch. 24, par. 21-28

Amends the Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941. With respect to nomination petitions of candidates for Chicago alderman, (i) makes the minimum number of petition signatures 500 (now, equal to 2% of the total ward vote for that office in the most recent general municipal election or, after redistricting, 2% of the mayoral vote in the most recent general municipal election divided by the number of wards), (ii) prohibits the enforcement of a maximum number of petition signatures, and (iii) prohibits a person from signing the petitions of more than one candidate for the same aldermanic office at the same primary. Effective immediately.

A BILL FOR

1   AN ACT concerning elections.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Revised Cities and Villages Act of 1941 is

5   amended by changing Section 21-28 as follows:

6   (65 ILCS 20/21-28) (from Ch. 24, par. 21-28)

7   Sec. 21-28. Nomination by petition.

8   (a) All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city

9   shall be by petition. All petitions for nominations of

10 candidates shall be signed by 500 ~~such a number of~~ legal voters

11 of the ward ~~as will aggregate not less than two per cent of all~~

12 ~~the votes cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding~~

13 ~~general election~~. A maximum number of petition signatures for a

14 candidate for the office of alderman shall not be imposed or

15 enforced. A person may not sign the nomination petitions of

16 more than one candidate for the same office of alderman with

17 respect to the same primary. ~~For the election following the~~

18 ~~redistricting of wards petitions for nominations of candidates~~

19 ~~shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as~~

20 ~~will aggregate not less than 2% of the total number of votes~~

21 ~~cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided~~

22 ~~by the number of wards.~~

23   (b) All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city

1   treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for

2   nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500

3   legal voters of the city.

4   (c) All such petitions, and procedure with respect thereto,

5   shall conform in other respects to the provisions of the

6   election and ballot laws then in force in the city of Chicago

7   concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public

8   office by petition. The method of nomination herein provided is

9   exclusive of and replaces all other methods heretofore provided

10   by law.

11   (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

12   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

13   becoming law.