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## **HB 2205**

Introduced by  
Representative Robson

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-322, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO NOMINATING PROCEDURES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 16-322, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 16-322. Number of signatures required on nomination petitions  
5 A. Nomination petitions shall be signed:  
6 1. If for a candidate for the office of United States senator or for a  
7 state office, excepting members of the legislature and superior court judges,  
8 by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
9 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least one-half of one  
10 per cent of the voter registration of the party of the candidate in at least  
11 three counties in the state, but not less than one-half of one per cent nor  
12 more than ten per cent of the total voter registration of ~~his~~ THE CANDIDATE'S  
13 party in the state.  
14 2. If for a candidate for the office of representative in Congress, by  
15 a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
16 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least one-half of one  
17 per cent but not more than ten per cent of the total voter registration of  
18 the party designated in the district from which such representative shall be  
19 elected.  
20 3. If for a candidate for the office of member of the legislature, by  
21 ~~a-~~ THE LESSER OF FIVE HUNDRED SIGNATURES OR THE number of qualified electors  
22 who are qualified to vote for the candidate whose nomination petition they  
23 are signing equal to at least one per cent but not more than three per cent  
24 of the total voter registration of the party designated in the district from  
25 which the member of the legislature may be elected.  
26 4. If for a candidate for a county office or superior court judge, by  
27 a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
28 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least two per cent but  
29 not more than ten per cent of the total voter registration of the party  
30 designated in the county or district, provided that in counties with a  
31 population of two hundred thousand persons or more, a candidate for a county  
32 office shall have nomination petitions signed by a number of qualified  
33 electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate whose nomination  
34 petition they are signing equal to at least one-half of one per cent but not  
35 more than ten per cent of the total voter registration of the party  
36 designated in the county or district.  
37 5. If for a candidate for a community college district, by a number of  
38 qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate whose  
39 nomination petition they are signing equal to at least one-half of one per  
40 cent but not more than ten per cent of the total voter registration in the  
41 precinct as established pursuant to section 15-1441.  
42 6. If for a candidate for county precinct committeeman, by a number of  
43 qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate whose  
44 nomination petition they are signing equal to at least two per cent but not

1 more than ten per cent of the party voter registration in the precinct or ten  
2 signatures, whichever is less.

3 7. If for a candidate for justice of the peace or constable, by a  
4 number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
5 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least two per cent but  
6 not more than ten per cent of the party voter registration in the precinct.

7 8. If for a candidate for mayor or other office nominated by a city at  
8 large, by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the  
9 candidate whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least five  
10 per cent and not more than ten per cent of the designated party vote in the  
11 city, EXCEPT THAT A CITY BY ORDINANCE MAY PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF  
12 SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR THAT CANDIDATE BE THE LESSER OF FIVE HUNDRED  
13 SIGNATURES OR AT LEAST FIVE PER CENT AND NOT MORE THAN TEN PER CENT OF THE  
14 DESIGNATED PARTY VOTE IN THE CITY.

15 9. If for an office nominated by ward, precinct or other district of a  
16 city, by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the  
17 candidate whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least five  
18 per cent and not more than ten per cent of the designated party vote in the  
19 ward, precinct or other district.

20 10. If for a candidate for an office nominated by a town at large, by a  
21 number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
22 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least five per cent  
23 and not more than ten per cent of the vote in the town.

24 11. If for a candidate for a governing board of a school district, by a  
25 number of qualified electors who are qualified to vote for the candidate  
26 whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at least one-half of one  
27 per cent of the total voter registration in the school district if the  
28 governing board members are elected at large or one per cent of the total  
29 voter registration in the single member district if governing board members  
30 or joint technological education district board members are elected from  
31 single member districts. Notwithstanding the total voter registration in the  
32 school district or single member district, the maximum number of signatures  
33 required by this paragraph is four hundred.

34 12. If for a candidate for a governing body of a special district as  
35 described in title 48 by a number of qualified electors who are qualified to  
36 vote for the candidate whose nomination petition they are signing equal to at  
37 least one-half of one per cent of the vote in the special district but not  
38 more than two hundred fifty and not fewer than five signatures.

39 B. The basis of percentage in each instance referred to in subsection  
40 A of this section, except in cities, towns and school districts, shall be the  
41 number of voters registered in the designated party of the candidate as  
42 reported pursuant to section 16-168, subsection G on March 1 of the year in  
43 which the general election is held. In cities, the basis of percentage shall  
44 be the vote of the party for mayor at the last preceding election at which a  
45 mayor was elected. In towns, the basis of percentage shall be the highest

1 vote cast for an elected official of the town at the last preceding election  
2 at which an official of the town was elected. In school districts, the basis  
3 of percentage shall be the total number of voters registered in the school  
4 district or single member district, whichever applies. The total number of  
5 voters registered for school districts shall be calculated using the periodic  
6 reports prepared by the county recorder pursuant to section 16-168,  
7 subsection G. The count that is reported on March 1 of the year in which the  
8 general election is held shall be the basis for the calculation of total  
9 voter registration for school districts.

10 C. In primary elections the signature requirement for party nominees,  
11 other than nominees of the parties entitled to continued representation  
12 pursuant to section 16-804, is at least one-tenth of one per cent of the  
13 total vote for the winning candidate or candidates for governor or  
14 presidential electors at the last general election within the district.  
15 Signatures must be obtained from qualified electors who are qualified to vote  
16 for the candidate whose nomination petition they are signing.

17 D. If new boundaries for congressional districts, legislative  
18 districts, supervisorial districts, justice precincts or election precincts  
19 are established and effective subsequent to March 1 of the year of a general  
20 election and prior to the date for filing of nomination petitions, the basis  
21 for determining the required number of nomination petition signatures is the  
22 number of registered voters in the designated party of the candidate in the  
23 elective office, district or precinct on the day the new districts or  
24 precincts are effective.