

LEGISLATIVE BILL 461

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2003

Introduced by Janssen, 15

AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 23-222, 32-530, and 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to election of township officers and nominations by petition; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 23-222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-222. The ~~township clerk, township treasurer, and chairperson~~ officers of the township board shall be elected pursuant to the Election Act at the next general election held in November following appointment and shall have the qualifications required by sections 23-214 and 23-215.

Sec. 2. Section 32-530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-530. After the initial appointments as provided for in sections 23-214 and 23-215, the ~~township clerk, the township treasurer, and the chairperson~~ officers of the township board shall be elected in counties under township government at the statewide general election in 1994 and every four years thereafter. Except for officers first appointed after the county has adopted township organization, the term of each officer shall be four years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the general election shall be the officers of the township board, and the three officers shall determine by majority vote which officer shall serve as township clerk, township treasurer, and chairperson of the township board. The township officers shall meet the qualifications found in sections 23-214 and 23-215. The township officers shall be elected on the ~~partisan~~ nonpartisan ballot.

Sec. 3. Section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

32-618. (1) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the nonpartisan ballot for the general election shall be as follows:

(a) For each nonpartisan office other than board members of a Class III school district, at least ten percent of the total number of registered voters voting for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election in the district or political subdivision in which the officer is to be elected. If the district in which the petitions are circulated comprises more than two counties, at least twenty-five signatures shall be obtained in each county comprising the district; and

(b) For board members of a Class III school district, at least twenty percent of the total number of votes cast for the board member receiving the highest number of votes at the immediately preceding general election in the school district.

(2) The number of signatures of registered voters needed to place the name of a candidate upon the partisan ballot for the general election shall be as follows:

(a) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of the entire state, at least two thousand; and

(b) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a county or political subdivision, ~~other than a township or precinct,~~ at least twenty percent of the total vote for Governor or President of the United States at the immediately preceding general election within the county or political subdivision, not to exceed two thousand. ~~and~~

~~(c) For each partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a township or precinct, fifty.~~

The number of signatures shall not be required to exceed one-fourth of the total number of registered voters voting for the office at the immediately preceding general election when the nomination is for a partisan office to be filled by the registered voters of a county. ~~and township or precinct.~~

Sec. 4. Original sections 23-222, 32-530, and 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.