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AN ACT to amend 8.16 (2) and (3) of the statutes, relating to party nominations by write-in vote.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 8.16 (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

- 8.16 (2) A person who receives only write-in votes shall not be the party's candidate unless the person receives 5% of the vote cast in the jurisdiction or district for the party's gubernatorial candidate at the last general election or the number of votes equivalent to the minimum number of signatures required on nomination papers for that office under s. 8.15 (6), whichever is greater, and the person files a registration statement under s. 11.05 (2g) or (2r) and declaration of acceptance, within 2 days after the person receives notification of the nomination.
- (3) Where the boundaries of a district in which the candidate of a political party seeks office have been changed since the most recent gubernatorial election such that it is not possible to calculate the exact percentage of write-in votes, under sub. (2), which are needed by that candidate to become the nominee of the party, the number of votes cast for a political party's nominee for governor at the last general election in each ward or aldermanic district which is wholly contained within the boundaries of the newly formed district shall be calculated. If a candidate of a political party in a newly formed district does not obtain 5% of the number of votes calculated or the number of votes equivalent to the minimum number of signatures required under s. 8.15 (6), whichever is greater, the candidate shall not appear on the ballot as the candidate of that party for the office sought.