



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 444	Senate Amendment 1
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Senate Bill 444 relates to the number of nomination signatures a candidate is required to collect when running for a city-wide office in 2nd and 3rd class cities.

Current Law

Current law requires candidates running for city-wide office in 2nd and 3rd class cities to collect not less than 200 nor more than 400 signatures on their nomination papers. This requirement applies to candidates running for at-large aldermanic seats because the seats are city-wide offices.

Senate Bill 444

Senate Bill 444 reduces the number of nomination signatures required for city-wide office in a 2nd or 3rd class city by half. Under the bill, a candidate for any city-wide office must collect not less than 100 nor more than 200 signatures.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 retains the required number of nomination signatures from current law for most city-wide offices, but reduces the number required for alderpersons who are not elected from aldermanic districts. Under the amendment, an individual running for an at-large aldermanic seat in a 2nd or 3rd class city must collect not less than 100 nor more than 200 nomination signatures, but a candidate for any other city-wide office must collect not less than 200 nor more than 400 signatures.

Bill History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Gudex on January 31, 2014. The Senate Committee on Elections and Urban Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment on February 12, 2014, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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