

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to change the procedures for presidential primary ballot access.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Presidential Primary Ballot Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2012”.

Sec. 2. Section 5(b)(2) of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 700; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(b)(2)), is amended to read as follows:

Note,
§ 1-1001.05

“(2) No person shall be listed on the ballot as a candidate for nomination for President in such primary unless:

“(A) No later than January 4 of each presidential election year, there shall have been filed with the Board a petition on behalf of the person signed by at least 1,000, or 1%, whichever is less, of the qualified electors of the District of Columbia who are registered under section 7, and are of the same political party as the nominee; or

“(B) The person has complied with the rules of the political party to be listed on the ballot, and if the party rules provide for candidate qualification by means other than gathering petition signatures as described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the political party shall certify to the Board no later than January 4 of each presidential election year the names of candidates for nomination who have qualified by such means.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review

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as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia