

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 2208, Page 4, Section 115.237, Line 43, by inserting after all of said
2 section and line the following:

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4 "115.321. 1. Any person desiring to be an independent candidate for any office to be filled
5 by voters throughout the state, or for any congressional district, state senate district, state
6 representative district, or circuit judge district, shall file a petition with the secretary of state. Any
7 person desiring to be an independent candidate for any county office shall file a petition with the
8 election authority of the county.

9 2. Each page or a sheet attached to each page of each petition for the nomination of an
10 independent candidate shall:

11 (1) Declare concisely the intention to nominate an independent candidate;

12 (2) State the name and address, including street and number, of the independent candidate.
13 If independent candidates for presidential elector are to be nominated, a number of independent
14 candidates for presidential elector equal to the number of electors to which the state is entitled shall
15 be nominated by one petition, and the name of their candidate for president and the name of their
16 candidate for vice president shall be printed on each page or a sheet attached to each page of the
17 petition. At least one qualified resident of each congressional district shall be named as a nominee
18 for presidential elector, and the name and address of each candidate shall be printed on each page or
19 a sheet attached to each page of the petition. The names of the candidates for president and vice
20 president shall not be printed on the official ballot without the written consent of such persons.
21 Their written consent shall accompany and be deemed part of the petition;

22 (3) State the office for which candidate is to be nominated.

23 3. If an independent candidate is to be nominated for a statewide office, the petition shall be
24 signed by at least ten thousand registered voters of the state.

25 4. If the independent candidate is to be nominated for a district or county office, the petition
26 shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the district or county which is equal to at least
27 two percent of the total number of registered voters [~~who voted at the last election for candidates for~~
28 ~~the office being sought or is equal to ten thousand voters, whichever is less~~] in that district or county
29 on January first of that year.

30 5. The name of each person who files a valid petition for nomination as an independent

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1 candidate shall be placed on the official ballot as an independent candidate for the office at the next
2 general election or the special election if the petition nominates a candidate to fill a vacancy which
3 is to be filled at a special election. If presidential electors are nominated by the petition, the names
4 of the candidates for elector shall not be placed on the official ballot, but the name of their candidate
5 for president and the name of their candidate for vice president shall be placed on the official ballot
6 at the next presidential election."; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.