

HCS HBs 1285 & 1233 -- NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

SPONSOR: Conway (10)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill requires independent candidates for county or district offices to obtain 2% of the registered voters' signatures in the requisite county or district on January 1 of the election year in order to be nominated for placement on the ballot.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will create an equal standard for all independent candidates across different types of races. Currently, the number of signatures needed for ballot placement varies widely based on past voter turnout.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Conway.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.