



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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The committee adopted amendments that do the following:

(1) Repeal the existing provision that the circulator of any part-petition, the committee interested in the petition, or any elector may file with the board of elections a protest against the board's findings and instead provide that the Ohio Supreme Court has exclusive, original jurisdiction in all challenges to initiative and referendum petitions.

(2) Provide that the circulator of any petition must include upon each part-petition filed with the Secretary of State a designation of the county in which the part-petition was circulated and a number for each part-petition and provides that upon the filing of the petition, the circulator must file certain specified information with the Secretary of State.

(3) Provide that a request or the inspection or copying of the original petition filed with the Secretary of State is fulfilled when the Secretary of State provides inspection of or copies of the electronic copy filed by the circulator of the petition.

(4) Provide that discrepancies between the electronic copy and the original paper petitions do not render the petition invalid.

(5) Provide that no additional signatures may be collected by the circulator of a petition until the Secretary of State determines the sufficiency of the signatures that the circulator originally filed with the Secretary of State.

(6) Require the Secretary of State or a board of elections, upon receipt of a declaration of candidacy and petition, nominating petition, or other petition related to being a candidate or to a questions or issue, to determine the number of part-petitions received, the total number of signatures appearing on the part-petitions, and provide a receipt to the individual who filed the petition identifying the number

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

of part-petitions received and the total number of signatures appearing on the part-petitions.

(7) Apportion the contribution of the municipal corporations and townships within the territorial jurisdiction of the Stow Municipal Court toward the operating costs of that court on a per capita basis subject to annual caps and impose an additional court cost of \$25 on a defendant who is convicted of or pleads guilty to an offense or violation in a mayor's court within the territorial jurisdiction of the Stow Municipal Court.

(8) Increase the number of signatures to 100 on a nominating petition for election as a judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court by electors of the judicial district of the county from which the candidate seeks election rather than electors of the territory of the court, require that the petition be filed not later 4 p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election, and provide that the petition conform to specified requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy.