

SENATE BILL NO. 358  
INTRODUCED BY T. BECK

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 12, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 19, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL  
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 20, 1991                   PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1991                   SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 22, 1991                   ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED.  
AYES, 49; NOES, 1.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991                   INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE  
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 12, 1991                   COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE  
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 16, 1991                   SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 18, 1991                   THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  
AYES, 96; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 19, 1991                   RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

*Senate* BILL NO. *358*

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO NOMINATE ITS CANDIDATES BY PRIMARY ELECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-10-601, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 13-10-601, MCA, is amended to read:

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(2) A political party that does not qualify to hold a primary election under subsection (1) may qualify to nominate its candidates by primary election by presenting a petition, in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, requesting the primary election and signed by a number of registered voters equal to 5% or more of the total votes cast for the successful candidate for governor at the last

general election, which number must include the registered voters in more than one-third of the legislative districts equal to 5% or more of the total votes cast for the successful candidate for governor at the last general election in those districts. The petition must be presented to the election administrator of the county in which the signatures were gathered to be verified under the procedures provided in 13-27-303 through 13-27-306. The election administrator shall forward the verified petition to the secretary of state at least 75 days before the date of the primary. The petition must be submitted to the election administrator at least 1 week before the deadline for submitting the verified petition to the secretary of state."

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