



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 321
[2017 Assembly Bill 332]

**Nomination Paper Signatures for
School District Offices**

2017 Wisconsin Act 321 allows a school board or annual meeting to reduce the number of nomination paper signatures required for candidates for school district offices in certain school districts.

BACKGROUND

Under state law, the number of required signatures on nomination papers for school district officers is generally one of the following:

- 20 to 100 signatures in any school district that does not contain territory lying within a first or second class city, if nomination papers are required.
- 100 to 200 signatures in any school district that contains territory lying within a second class city.
- 400 to 800 signatures for the board of school directors in a first class city (currently, only the City of Milwaukee).

THE ACT

The Act allows a school board or annual meeting to reduce the number of required signatures in the second bulletpoint, described above, to 20 to 100 signatures, if the board or annual meeting adopts a resolution to reduce the number of signatures and if the territory of the school district lying within one or more second class cities is less than or equal to 10% of the territory of the school district.

Further, the Act provides that: (1) for a school district that does not contain any territory lying within a second class city on April 18, 2018, the 100 to 200 signature requirement first applies to the second spring election that follows the effective date of the event that causes the

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

school district to have territory that lies within a second class city; and (2) for a school district that has, by resolution under the Act, reduced the number of signatures required on nomination papers, the 100 to 200 signature requirement first applies to the second spring election that follows the date of the event that causes the territory of the school district lying within one or more second class cities to be greater than 10% of the territory of the school district.

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