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**2023 Wisconsin Act 125** [2023 Assembly Bill 330]

## **Counting Signatures on Nomination Papers**

## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 125

Current law generally requires a candidate running for elected office to submit, to a filing officer, nomination signatures within a specified numerical range. The filing officer and the required minimum and maximum number of signatures a candidate may submit for consideration depends on the office for which the candidate is running. A candidate who fails to submit at least the minimum number of valid signatures will not qualify for the ballot.

Under the act, if a candidate submits nomination papers with more than the maximum number of required signatures, but the filing official determines that the maximum number of required signatures does not result in a sufficient number of valid signatures, the filing official must review the additional signatures to the extent necessary to determine whether the candidate has collected a sufficient number of valid signatures.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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