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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Mayfield) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete line 126  
and insert:

Section 4. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the 2026 General Election:

(a) Any candidate for representative to Congress seeking ballot position by the petition process described in s. 99.095, Florida Statutes, must obtain at least the number of signatures equal to one-third of 1 percent of the ideal population for each congressional district, as calculated by dividing the statewide



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12 population in the most recent decennial census by the number of  
13 representatives apportioned to the state after the most recent  
14 decennial census. Signatures may be obtained from any registered  
15 voter in Florida regardless of party affiliation or district  
16 boundaries. Petitions must state that the candidate is seeking  
17 the office of representative to Congress, but a district number  
18 is not required.

19 (b) Each person seeking to qualify for nomination or  
20 election as a representative to Congress must file his or her  
21 qualification papers with, and pay the qualifying fee, which  
22 shall consist of the filing fee and election assessment, and  
23 party assessment, if any has been levied, to, the Department of  
24 State, or qualify by the petition process described in s.  
25 99.095, Florida Statutes, with the Department of State, at any  
26 time after noon of the 1st day for qualifying, which shall be  
27 the 71st day before the primary election, but not later than  
28 noon of the 67th day before the date of the primary election.

29 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all  
30 requirements and procedures relating to qualifying and to the  
31 candidate petition process must conform to the requirements and  
32 procedures in law.

33 (2) This section shall take effect upon becoming a law.

34 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
35 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
36 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
37 2026.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:



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41           Delete line 11  
42 and insert:  
43           in references thereto; requiring candidates for  
44           representative to Congress seeking ballot position by  
45           petition to obtain a specified percentage of  
46           signatures to qualify for such office; authorizing the  
47           obtainment of signatures from any registered voters in  
48           this state; specifying petition requirements;  
49           requiring candidates to file qualification paperwork  
50           with and pay a qualifying fee to the Department of  
51           State within a specified timeframe; specifying that  
52           requirements and procedures relating to qualifying for  
53           office must conform to specified provisions; providing  
54           effective dates.