

(B) REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION.

(1) THE PETITION SHALL STATE:

(I) THE PARTISAN ORGANIZATION'S INTENT TO ORGANIZE A STATE POLITICAL PARTY;

(II) THE NAME OF THE PARTISAN ORGANIZATION;

(III) THE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTISAN ORGANIZATION; AND

(IV) THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF 25 REGISTERED VOTERS, INCLUDING THE STATE CHAIRMAN, WHO SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CONSTITUTING THE INITIAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE PARTISAN ORGANIZATION.

(2) (I) APPENDED TO THE PETITION SHALL BE PAPERS BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF AT LEAST 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS.

(II) SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION MUST HAVE BEEN AFFIXED TO THE PETITION NOT MORE THAN 2 YEARS BEFORE THE FILING DATE OF THE LAST QUALIFYING SIGNATURE.

(C) FILING OF PETITION.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, OR ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES TO A PETITION, MAY BE FILED AT ANY TIME.

(2) A PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, OR ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES TO A PETITION, MAY BE FILED:

(I) IN THE YEAR OF AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS ELECTED EXCEPT:

1. DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT REGISTRATION IS CLOSED BEFORE AND AFTER A PRIMARY ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-302 (A) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

2. AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST UNTIL REGISTRATION REOPENS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-302 (A) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) IN THE YEAR OF AN ELECTION AT WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED, EXCEPT AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST UNTIL REGISTRATION REOPENS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-302(A) OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(III) WHEN A SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND A SPECIAL ELECTION ARE PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-710 OF THIS ARTICLE EXCEPT: