

Changes to Election Petition Signature Requirements

Passage of A5117/S3994 on FEB. 3, 2025

GENERAL ELECTION – Direct Petition Requirements (NJSA 19:13-5)

STATEWIDE: 5% of total votes cast for General Assembly **statewide** at the last general election or **2,000**, whichever is less

COUNTY: 5% of total votes cast for General Assembly **countywide** at the last general election or **250**, whichever is less

MUNICIPAL: 5% of total votes cast for General Assembly **in the municipality** at last general election or **250**, whichever is less

PRIMARY ELECTION – Partisan Petition Requirements (NJSA 19:23-8)

STATEWIDE: Minimum of **2,500** signatures

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Minimum of **500** signatures

STATE SENATE & GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Minimum of **250** signatures

COUNTY: 1% of total votes cast for General Assembly **countywide** at the party's last primary election or **300**, whichever is less, **but never less than 150**

MUNICIPAL: *see chart below*

| BORO/TWP/TOWN POPULATION (based on 2020 census) | MINIMUM SIGNATURES REQUIRED | Or, if population qualifies, 5% of the total votes cast in the municipality for General Assembly candidates at the party's last primary election, WHICHEVER IS LESS |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| For population of 50,001+ | 100 | N/A |
| 25,001 to 50,000 | 75 | N/A |
| 10,001 to 25,000 | 50 | N/A |
| 5,001 to 10,000 | 25 | Or 5% of General Assembly votes cast |
| 2,501 to 5,000 | 10 | Or 5% of General Assembly votes cast |
| 0 to 2,500 | 5 | Or 5% of General Assembly votes cast |

PARTY COUNTY COMMITTEE: **10 signatures or 5%** of total votes cast in the district for General Assembly, whichever is less; **but never less than 1**

SCHOOL ELECTIONS – Petition Requirements (NJSA 19:60-7) **Set Minimum of 25 signatures**

| FAULKNER / NON-PARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS | TOWN/TWP Population (based on 2020 census) | MINIMUM # of SIGNATURES |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Petition Requirements (NJSA 40:45-8) | For population of 50,001+ | 100 |
| | 25,001 to 50,000 | 75 |
| | 10,001 to 25,000 | 50 |
| | 5,001 to 10,000 | 25 |
| | 2,501 to 5,000 | 10 |
| | 0 to 2,500 | 5 |