



**HB0054**

**Elections-independent candidate requirements.**

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AN ACT relating to elections; requiring independent candidates to swear that they are unaffiliated or not registered with a major or minor political party; revising the number of signatures required for independent candidates to appear on the general election ballot; revising the deadline to file a petition as an independent candidate; and providing for an effective date.

1/20/2026 Bill Number Assigned  
1/22/2026 H Received for Introduction  
2/9/2026 H Failed Introduction 32-30-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Winter  
**Nays:** Representative(s) Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Harshman, Jarvis, Kelly, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Williams, Wylie, Yin  
**Ayes** 32    **Nays** 30    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0