

# HB1591



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1591

Introduced 1/28/2025, by Rep. Anne Stava-Murray

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 1205/2-11

from Ch. 105, par. 2-11

Amends the Park District Code. Provides that no candidate for the office of park commissioner in any General Park District shall be required to file more than 300 petition signatures from qualified voters of the district.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Park District Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 2-11 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1205/2-11) (from Ch. 105, par. 2-11)

7 Sec. 2-11. No person shall be eligible to serve as park  
8 commissioner unless that person is a qualified elector of the  
9 park district and has resided therein at least one year prior  
10 to election or appointment.

11 A person is not eligible to serve as park commissioner if  
12 that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other  
13 indebtedness due to the park district or has been convicted in  
14 any court located in the United States of any infamous crime,  
15 bribery, perjury, or other felony.

16 Nominations of candidates for the office of park  
17 commissioners in any General Park District at all succeeding  
18 elections shall be made by petition signed in the aggregate  
19 for each candidate by qualified voters of such district, equal  
20 in number to not less than 2% of the number who voted at the  
21 last preceding election for commissioners in such district,  
22 but in no case by less than 25 of such voters. Notwithstanding  
23 any other provisions of this Section, no candidate shall be

1 required to file more than 300 petition signatures from such  
2 voters. The petition shall be filed with the secretary of the  
3 district.

4 In all General Park Districts the secretary of the district  
5 shall, in the manner and at the time prescribed by the general  
6 election law certify to the proper election authorities the  
7 name or names of the candidate or candidates so nominated. The  
8 ballot shall have no political party name, platform or  
9 principle thereon designated, nor shall any party circle be  
10 printed upon the ballot. Where voting machines or electronic  
11 voting systems are used, the provisions of this Section may be  
12 modified as required or authorized by the general election  
13 law.

14 (Source: P.A. 96-458, eff. 8-14-09.)