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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the number of eligible electors' signatures
2 necessary in a school district to propose at a regular
3 election the question of providing free textbooks for the use
4 of the school district's pupils.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2005

1 Section 1. Section 301.24, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 301.24 PETITION -- ELECTION.

4 Whenever a petition signed by one hundred eligible electors
5 residing in the school district or a number of eligible
6 electors residing in the school district equal ~~in-number~~ to at
7 least ten percent of the registered number of voters in the
8 last preceding regular school district,--to-be-determined-by
9 ~~the-school-board-of-any-school-district,--shall-be~~ election,
10 whichever is greater, is filed with the secretary thirty days
11 or more before the regular election, asking that the question
12 of providing free textbooks for the use of pupils in the
13 ~~public-schools-thereof~~ school district's attendance centers be
14 submitted to the voters at the next regular election, the
15 secretary shall cause notice of such proposition to be given
16 in the notice of such election.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides that a petition asking that the question
19 of providing free textbooks to a school district's pupils be
20 submitted to the voters at the next regular election must be
21 signed by the greater of 100 eligible electors residing in the
22 school district or a number of eligible electors equal to 10
23 percent of the number of voters in the last preceding regular
24 school election. The Code currently requires the signatures
25 of at least 10 percent of the registered voters in the school
26 district on such a petition.

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