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Subject **Candidate petitioning in a world of social-distancing**

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Good evening Honorable Members of the Election Commission,

My name is Craig Marolf and I am the Chairman of the Constitution Party of Indiana, which is one of the five bona fide parties in Indiana.

As a result of our current state of social-distancing, petitioning to obtain ballot access for candidates has become virtually impossible. Some states have radically altered the signature requirements or have outright eliminated it for the 2020 election. Recently, the Governor of Vermont waived the signature requirement for both primary candidates and general election candidates. (see story below)

I ask you to discuss the possibility of Indiana waiving the signature requirement for candidates of bona fide parties (according to Indiana Code 3-5-2-5.5) in light of our current fight with Covid-19.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Craig Marolf
Chairman
Constitution Party of Indiana

Vermont Waives Petition Requirements for 2020 Primary and General Elections

Posted on April 2, 2020 by Richard Winger

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On March 30, Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed HB 681, which eliminates all candidate petitions during 2020, both for candidates seeking a spot on a primary ballot, or the general election. [Here is the bill](#). Scroll down past the bill's original contents. As introduced originally, the bill had nothing to do with election law. Thanks to Ballotpedia for this news.

Without this bill, unqualified parties would have needed 1,000 signatures to place their presidential nominee on the November ballot. The only qualified parties besides the Democratic and Republican Parties are the Liberty Union, Progressive, Green Mountain, and Libertarian Parties. The Green Mountain Party is organized only in Vermont, has never participated in a presidential election, and has no connection to the Green Party.