

FLORIDA

Florida charges new political parties approximately \$7,000 to check their presidential petitions, and triple that to check their petitions for other office. These charges were held unconstitutional in 1972 in *Jenness v Miller*, 346 F Supp 1060, yet the Florida Secretary of State is claiming that the decision only applied to that particular plaintiff. Actually, it applies to any political party which cannot afford the charges. The New Alliance Party is preparing to file a new lawsuit against the checking charges. The charges were also held unconstitutional for initiative proponents in another federal case in 1984.

ELECTIONS AMERICAN STYLE

Ballot Access News of November 19, 1987 carried a story about *Elections American Style*, the Brookings Institution book which contains a chapter condemning harsh ballot access laws. The book is currently the beneficiary of a vigorous advertising campaign. The book's publisher obtained favorable comments about the book from Senators Paul Simon and Robert Dole, and is advertising in such magazines as *The New Republic* and *The National Voter*, the publication of the League of Women Voters. It can be purchased from Brookings Books, 1775 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC 20036-2188, for \$14.95 in paperback.

REMEMBER!

WRITE YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS, HOUSE OFFICE BLDGS., WASHINGTON DC 20515, and ask him or her to CO-SPONSOR HR 1582. Also write to Congressman Al Swift at the same address and ask him to hold hearings on the bill.

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