

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0004

Initiative & referendum-petition signatures.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler, Case, Decaria, Massie,
Sessions, Vasey and Von Flatern and
Representative(s) Martin, Millin, Warren and
Zwonitzer, Dn.

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution relating to initiative and referendum
3 petition; modifying the number of signatures required by
4 county.

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6 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
7 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting
8 separately, concurring therein:

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 3, Section 52(c) is proposed for
12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
15 majority of the electors at the election:

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2 **Article 3, Section 52. Initiative and referendum.**

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4 (c) After certification of the application, a
5 petition containing a summary of the subject matter shall
6 be prepared by the secretary of state for circulation by
7 the sponsors. ~~The petition may be filed with the secretary~~
8 ~~of state if it meets both of the following requirements:~~

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10 ~~(i) It is~~ If signed by qualified voters, equal
11 in number to fifteen percent (15%) of those who voted in
12 the preceding general election, ~~and~~

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14 ~~(ii) It is signed by qualified voters equal in~~
15 ~~number to fifteen percent (15%) of those resident in at~~
16 ~~least two thirds (2/3) of the counties of the state, as~~
17 ~~determined by those who voted in the preceding general~~
18 ~~election in that county~~ it may be filed with the secretary
19 of state.

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21 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
22 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

1 The passage of this amendment would change the
2 geographical requirement for petition signatures for
3 initiative and referendums. Currently, the petition must
4 be signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the
5 qualified voters, qualified voters as determined in the
6 last general election, in at least two-thirds of the
7 counties of the state. This amendment would return the
8 signature requirement to the pre-1998 constitutional
9 language by removing geographical restrictions. It would
10 still require that the petition be signed by fifteen
11 percent (15%) of the qualified voters of the state.

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13 (END)