

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

Initiative and referendum requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Buchanan, Cohee,
Craft, Gingery, Lubnau, Olsen and Simpson
and Senator(s) Burns, Decaria, Larson,
Nicholas, Ross, Schiffer and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to modify the signature requirement for a
3 petition for an initiative or referendum; changing the
4 requirement from fifteen percent of those resident in at
5 least two-thirds of the counties to at least fifteen
6 percent of those resident in at least two-thirds of the
7 senate districts in the state.

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

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13 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
14 Constitution, Article 3, Section 52(c)(ii) is proposed for
15 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the

1 next general election for approval or rejection to become
2 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
3 majority of the electors at the election:

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

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

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13 (ii) It is signed by qualified voters equal in
14 number to fifteen percent (15%) of those resident in at
15 least two-thirds (2/3) of the ~~counties~~ senate districts of
16 the state, as determined by those who voted in the
17 preceding general election in ~~that county~~ each senate
18 district.

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

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1 The passage of this amendment would change the requirement
2 for petition signatures for an initiative or referendum.
3 Currently a petition must be signed by at least fifteen
4 percent (15%) of the qualified voters in at least two-
5 thirds (2/3) of the counties, as determined by those who
6 voted in the last general election. This amendment would
7 change the requirement to at least fifteen percent (15%) of
8 the qualified voters in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the
9 senate districts, as determined by those who voted in the
10 last general election.

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