

INITIATIVE PROCESS AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO ISSUES SUBMITTED TO VOTERS; MODIFYING INITIATIVE REQUIREMENTS; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

20A-7-201, as last amended by Chapter 152, Laws of Utah 1995

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-7-201** is amended to read:

20A-7-201. Statewide initiatives -- Signature requirements -- Submission to the Legislature or to a vote of the people.

(1) (a) A person seeking to have an initiative submitted to the Legislature for approval or rejection shall obtain:

(i) legal signatures equal to 5% of the cumulative total of all votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last regular general election at which a governor was elected; and

(ii) from each of at least [~~15~~] 20 counties, legal signatures equal to 5% of the total of all votes cast in that county for all candidates for governor at the last regular general election at which a governor was elected.

(b) If, at any time not less than ten days before the beginning of an annual general session of the Legislature, the lieutenant governor declares sufficient any initiative petition that is signed by enough voters to meet the requirements of this Subsection (1), the lieutenant governor shall deliver that petition to the Legislature as soon as it convenes and organizes.

(2) (a) A person seeking to have an initiative submitted to a vote of the people for approval or rejection shall obtain:

(i) legal signatures equal to 10% of the cumulative total of all votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last regular general election at which a governor was elected; and

(ii) from each of at least [~~15~~] 20 counties, legal signatures equal to 10% of the total of all votes cast in that county for all candidates for governor at the last regular general election at which a governor was elected.

(b) If, at any time not less than four months before any regular general election, the lieutenant governor declares sufficient any initiative petition that is signed by enough legal voters to meet the requirements of this subsection, the lieutenant governor shall submit the proposed law to a vote of the people at the next regular general election.

(3) The lieutenant governor shall provide the following information from the official canvass of the last regular general election at which a governor was elected to any interested person:

- (a) the cumulative total of all votes cast for all candidates for governor; and
- (b) for each county, the total of all votes cast in that county for all candidates for governor.