

**Representative Tammy J. Rowan** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**INITIATIVE PROCESS AMENDMENTS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Tammy J. Rowan**

AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVES; ELIMINATING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR INITIATIVES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

AMENDS:

**20A-7-201**, as last amended by Chapter 115, Laws of Utah 1999

REPEALS:

**20A-7-208**, as last amended by Chapter 115, Laws of Utah 1999

*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 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~~

26 ~~by enough voters to meet the requirements of this Subsection (1), the lieutenant governor shall~~  
27 ~~deliver a copy of the petition and the cover sheet required by Subsection (1)(c) to the president of~~  
28 ~~the Senate, the speaker of the House, and the director of the Office of Legislative Research and~~  
29 ~~General Counsel.]~~

30 ~~[(c) In delivering a copy of the petition, the lieutenant governor shall include a cover sheet~~  
31 ~~that contains:]~~

32 ~~[(i) the cumulative total of all votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last regular~~  
33 ~~general election at which a governor was elected;]~~

34 ~~[(ii) the total of all votes cast in each county for all candidates for governor at the last~~  
35 ~~regular general election at which a governor was elected;]~~

36 ~~[(iii) the total number of certified signatures received for the submitted initiative; and]~~

37 ~~[(iv) the total number of certified signatures received from each county for the submitted~~  
38 ~~initiative.]~~

39 ~~[(2)]~~ (1) (a) A person seeking to have an initiative submitted to a vote of the people for  
40 approval or rejection shall obtain:

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

43 (ii) from each of at least ~~h~~ **[20] 29 h** counties, legal signatures equal to 10% of the total of  
43a all votes  
44 cast in that county for all candidates for governor at the last regular general election at which a  
45 governor was elected.

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

50 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) The lieutenant governor shall provide the following information from the official  
51 canvass of the last regular general election at which a governor was elected to any interested  
52 person:

53 (a) the cumulative total of all votes cast for all candidates for governor; and

54 (b) for each county, the total of all votes cast in that county for all candidates for governor.

55 **Section 2. Repealer.**

56 This act repeals:

Section 20A-7-208, Disposition of initiative petitions by the Legislature.