

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; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING INITIATIVE PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

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 Section **20A-7-208** is repealed and reenacted to read:

20A-7-208. Legislative process for initiative petitions submitted to the Legislature.

(1) (a) Upon receipt of a copy of an initiative under Section 20A-7-201, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall contact the sponsors of the petition and ask them if any legislators have agreed to sponsor the petition.

(b) If the petition sponsors identify one or more legislative sponsors, the office shall:

(i) contact the legislators to verify their willingness to be listed as sponsors; and

(ii) number and file the petition as a bill sponsored by the legislator who will carry the petition in the house in which that legislator is a member.

(c) (i) If the petition does not have a legislative sponsor, the office shall number and file the petition as a bill sponsored by "the People of the State of Utah" in the House or Senate as designated by the petition sponsors.

(ii) When the initiative bill is sponsored by the People of the State of Utah, the presiding officer of the house in which the petition is being heard may designate a legislator from the

26 committee that heard the bill in that house to present and answer questions about the initiative bill.

27 (d) Before an initiative petition bill is introduced, the Office of Legislative Research and
28 General Counsel shall prepare and attach a legislative review note and the Legislative Fiscal
29 Analyst shall attach a fiscal note.

30 (e) After the initiative petition bill is introduced, the initiative petition bill shall be referred
31 to a standing committee.

32 (f) The standing committee may submit each proposed amendment that receives a majority
33 committee vote to the floor as a recommended amendment for approval or rejection by the House
34 or Senate.

35 (g) The standing committee shall send the bill to the floor with a committee report
36 recommending that the initiative petition bill pass or not pass.

37 (h) After receiving the standing committee report on the initiative petition bill, the
38 initiative petition bill shall be placed on the calendar.

39 (i) The body may amend the initiative petition bill.

40 (j) The body shall debate and vote on the initiative petition bill.

41 (k) If the first house passes the bill, the first house shall transmit the bill to the second
42 house for its review and action.

43 (l) The second house shall follow the procedures established in Subsections (2)(e) through
44 (2)(j).

45 (m) If the second house has amended the initiative petition bill, it shall transmit the bill
46 to the first house for their further action according to legislative rules.

47 (n) The initiative petition bill passes only if both houses of the Legislature approve the
48 same version of the initiative petition bill.

49 (2) If sufficient additional signatures to the petition are first obtained to bring the total
50 number of signatures up to the number required by Subsection 20A-7-201(2) and those additional
51 signatures are verified, certified by the county clerks, and declared sufficient by the lieutenant
52 governor as provided in this part, a law proposed by an initiative petition that is not enacted by the
53 Legislature shall be submitted to a vote of the people at the next regular general election.