

59 (6) "Initiative" means a new law proposed for adoption by the public as provided in
60 this chapter.

61 (7) "Initiative packet" means a copy of the initiative petition, a copy of the proposed
62 law, and the signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

63 (8) "Legal signatures" means the number of signatures of legal voters that:

64 (a) meet the numerical requirements of this chapter; and

65 (b) have been certified and verified as provided in this chapter.

66 (9) "Legal voter" means a person who:

67 (a) is registered to vote; or

68 (b) becomes registered to vote before the county clerk certifies the signatures on an
69 initiative or referendum petition.

70 (10) "Local attorney" means the county attorney, city attorney, or town attorney in
71 whose jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

72 (11) "Local clerk" means the county clerk, city recorder, or town clerk in whose
73 jurisdiction a local initiative or referendum petition is circulated.

74 (12) (a) "Local law" includes an ordinance, resolution, master plan, and any
75 comprehensive zoning regulation adopted by ordinance or resolution.

76 (b) "Local law" does not include an individual property zoning decision.

77 (13) "Local legislative body" means the legislative body of a county, city, or town.

78 (14) "Local obligation law" means a local law passed by the local legislative body
79 regarding a bond that was approved by a majority of qualified voters in an election.

80 (15) "Local tax law" means a local law ~~§~~ → , **passed by a political subdivision with an**
80a **annual or biannual calendar fiscal year, ←§** that increases a tax or imposes a new tax.

81 ~~(15)~~ (16) "Measure" means a proposed constitutional amendment, an initiative, or
82 referendum.

83 ~~(16)~~ (17) "Referendum" means a process by which a law passed by the Legislature or
84 by a local legislative body is submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection.

85 ~~(17)~~ (18) "Referendum packet" means a copy of the referendum petition, a copy of
86 the law being submitted or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection, and the
87 signature sheets, all of which have been bound together as a unit.

88 ~~(18)~~ (19) (a) "Signature" means a holographic signature.

89 (b) "Signature" does not mean an electronic signature.

183 ~~adoption of the ordinance.]~~

184 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) (i) [Hf] Except as provided in Section 20A-7-609.5, if a local law passes after
 185 January 30 of the year in which there is a regular general election, the county clerk shall ensure
 186 that a county referendum that has qualified for the ballot appears on the ballot at the second
 187 regular general election immediately following the passage of the local law unless the county
 188 legislative body calls a special election.

189 (ii) [Hf] Except as provided in Section 20A-7-609.5, if a local law passes after January
 190 30 of the year in which there is a municipal general election, the municipal recorder or clerk
 191 shall ensure that a municipal referendum that has qualified for the ballot appears on the ballot
 192 at the second municipal general election immediately following the passage of the local law
 193 unless the municipal legislative body calls a special election.

194 (3) (a) (i) A voter desiring to vote in favor of the law that is the subject of the
 195 referendum shall mark the square adjacent to the word "For."

196 (ii) The law that is the subject of the referendum is effective if a majority of voters
 197 mark "For."

198 (b) (i) A voter desiring to vote against the law that is the subject of the referendum
 199 petition shall mark the square following the word "Against."

200 (ii) The law that is the subject of the referendum is not effective if a majority of voters
 201 mark "Against."

202 Section 5. Section **20A-7-609.5** is enacted to read:

203 **20A-7-609.5. Election on referendum challenging local tax law conducted entirely**
 204 **by absentee ballot.**

205 (1) An election officer ~~shall~~ **may** administer an election on a referendum
 205a challenging a local
 206 tax law entirely by absentee ballot.

207 (2) For purposes of an election conducted under this section, the election officer shall
 208 designate as the election day the day that is 30 days after the day on which the election officer
 209 complies with Subsection (3).

210 (3) Within 30 days after the day on which the referendum described in Subsection (1)
 211 qualifies for the ballot, the election officer shall mail to each registered voter within the voting
 212 precincts to which the local tax law applies:

213 (a) an absentee ballot;