

# SENATE BILL NO. 149

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.090, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, and 116.334, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to the petition process for amending the law, with penalty provisions and a delayed effective date.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.090, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, and 116.334, RSMo, are repealed and eleven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 116.030, 116.040, 116.045, 116.050, 116.090, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, and 116.334, to read as follows:

116.030. The following shall be substantially the form of each page of referendum petitions on any law passed by the general assembly of the state of Missouri:

County \_\_\_\_\_

Page No. \_\_\_\_\_

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any referendum petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

14 petition when such person knows he or she is not a  
 15 registered voter.

16 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

17 To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of State for the  
 18 state of Missouri:

19 We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of  
 20 Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County (or City of St. Louis),  
 21 respectfully order that the Senate (or House) Bill No.  
 22 \_\_\_\_\_ entitled (title of law), passed by the \_\_\_\_\_  
 23 general assembly of the state of Missouri, at the \_\_\_\_\_  
 24 regular (or special) session of the \_\_\_\_\_ general  
 25 assembly, shall be referred to the voters of the state  
 26 of Missouri, for their approval or rejection, at the  
 27 general election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 28 \_\_\_\_\_, unless the general assembly shall designate  
 29 another date, and each for himself or herself says: I  
 30 have personally signed this petition; I am a registered  
 31 voter of the state of Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County (or  
 32 City of St. Louis); my registered voting address and the  
 33 name of the city, town or village in which I live are  
 34 correctly written after my name.

35 (Official Ballot title) \_\_\_\_\_

36 CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

37 State Of Missouri,  
 38 County Of \_\_\_\_\_

39 I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say (print or type  
 40 names of signers)

41	NAME	DATE	REGISTERED	ZIP	CONGR.	NAME
42		SIGNED	VOTING ADDRESS	CODE	DIST.	
43	(Signature)		(Street)			(Printed
44			(City,			or
45			Town or			Typed)
46			Village)			

47 (Here follow numbered lines for signers)

48 signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of  
 49 them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I  
 50 believe that each has stated his or her name, registered

51 voting address and city, town or village correctly, and  
52 that each signer is a registered voter of the state of  
53 Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County.

54 FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF  
55 PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND  
56 CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND  
57 GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING  
58 FORGERY.

59 I am at least 18 years of age. I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_  
60 (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this  
61 petition. If paid, list the payer \_\_\_\_\_

62 \_\_\_\_\_  
63 Signature of Affiant  
64 (Person obtaining signatures)

65 \_\_\_\_\_  
66 (Printed Name of Affiant)

67 \_\_\_\_\_  
68 Address of Affiant

69 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
70 \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

71 \_\_\_\_\_  
72 Signature of Notary

73 Address of Notary

74 Notary Public (Seal)

75 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

76 If this form is followed substantially and the requirements  
77 of [section] **sections 116.045**, 116.050, and [section]  
78 116.080 are met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding  
79 clerical and merely technical errors.

116.040. The following shall be substantially the form  
2 of each page of each petition for any law or amendment to

3 the Constitution of the state of Missouri proposed by the  
4 initiative:

5 County \_\_\_\_\_

6 Page No. \_\_\_\_\_

7 It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding  
8 the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the  
9 contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one  
10 year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten  
11 thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any  
12 initiative petition with any name other than his or her  
13 own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once  
14 for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a  
15 petition when such person knows he or she is not a  
16 registered voter.

17 INITIATIVE PETITION

18 To the Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of State for the  
19 state of Missouri:

20 We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of  
21 Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County (or City of St. Louis),  
22 respectfully order that the following proposed law (or  
23 amendment to the constitution) shall be submitted to the  
24 voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval or  
25 rejection, at the general election to be held on the  
26 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and each for himself or  
27 herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I  
28 am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and  
29 \_\_\_\_\_ County (or City of St. Louis); my registered  
30 voting address and the name of the city, town or village  
31 in which I live are correctly written after my name.

32  
33 (Official Ballot title) \_\_\_\_\_

34 CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT

35 State Of Missouri,

36 County Of \_\_\_\_\_

37 I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, say (print or type  
38 names of signers)

39	NAME	DATE	REGISTERED	ZIP	CONGR.	NAME
40		SIGNED	VOTING ADDRESS	CODE	DIST.	
41	(Signature)		(Street) (City,			(Printed
42						or
43			Town or			Typed)
44			Village)			

45 (Here follow numbered lines for signers)

46 signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of  
47 them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I  
48 believe that each has stated his or her name, registered  
49 voting address and city, town or village correctly, and  
50 that each signer is a registered voter of the state of  
51 Missouri and \_\_\_\_\_ County.

52 FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF  
53 PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND  
54 CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND  
55 GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING  
56 FORGERY.

57 I am at least 18 years of age. I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_  
58 (check one) expect to be paid for circulating this  
59 petition. If paid, list the payer \_\_\_\_\_

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61 Signature of Affiant  
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64 (Printed Name of Affiant)

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66 Address of Affiant

67 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
68 \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

69 \_\_\_\_\_  
70 Signature of Notary  
71 Address of Notary

72 Notary Public (Seal)  
73 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

74 If this form is followed substantially and the requirements  
75 of [section] **sections 116.045**, 116.050, and [section]  
76 116.080 are met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding  
77 clerical and merely technical errors.

**116.045. Initiative and referendum petition signature  
2 pages shall be printed on a form as prescribed by the  
3 secretary of state, which shall include all of the  
4 information and statements set forth in section 116.030 or  
5 116.040, as applicable, and comply with section 116.050.  
6 The form shall be made available in electronic format for  
7 printing and circulating petitions.**

116.050. 1. Initiative and referendum petitions filed  
2 under the provisions of this chapter shall consist of pages  
3 of a uniform size. Each page, excluding the text of the  
4 measure, shall be no larger than eight and one-half by  
5 fourteen inches. **The text of the proposed measure shall be  
6 in a font that is not smaller than twelve point, Times New  
7 Roman, and have a top, bottom, left, and right margin of not  
8 less than one inch. Page numbers may appear in the bottom  
9 margin.** Each page of an initiative petition shall be  
10 attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the  
11 proposed measure. Each page of a referendum petition shall  
12 be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of  
13 the measure on which the referendum is sought.

14 **2. The secretary of state shall collect an initiative  
15 and referendum petition filing fee of five hundred dollars  
16 for each petition sample sheet filed. An additional filing  
17 fee of twenty-five dollars shall be collected for each page**

18 of text of the measure in excess of ten pages. The filing  
19 fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
20 the secretary of state's petition publications fund  
21 established under section 116.270. The filing fee shall be  
22 refunded from the fund to the person designated as the  
23 recipient of notices pursuant to section 116.332 if the  
24 initiative or referendum petition is certified pursuant to  
25 section 116.150. The secretary of state shall reject any  
26 petition sample sheet that is not accompanied by the  
27 required fee.

28 3. The full and correct text of all initiative and  
29 referendum petition measures shall:

30 (1) Contain all matter which is to be deleted included  
31 in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter  
32 shown underlined;

33 (2) Include all sections of existing law or of the  
34 constitution which would be repealed by the measure; and

35 (3) Otherwise conform to the provisions of [Article  
36 III, Section 28 and] Article III, [Section] **Sections 28, 49,**  
37 **50, 51, and 52(a)** of the **Missouri** Constitution and those of  
38 this chapter.

39 4. The full and correct text of all initiative  
40 petition measures shall not purport to:

41 (1) Declare any federal statute, regulation, executive  
42 order, or court decision to be void or in violation of the  
43 United States Constitution;

44 (2) Amend any federal law or the United States  
45 Constitution; or

46 (3) Accomplish an act that the United States  
47 Constitution requires to be accomplished by the general  
48 assembly.

116.090. 1. Any person who commits any of the  
2 following actions is guilty of the crime of petition  
3 signature fraud:

4 (1) Signs any name other than his or her own to any  
5 petition, or who knowingly signs his or her name more than  
6 once for the same measure for the same election, or who  
7 knows he or she is not at the time of signing or circulating  
8 the same a Missouri registered voter and a resident of this  
9 state; or

10 (2) Intentionally submits petition signature sheets  
11 with the knowledge that the person whose name appears on the  
12 signature sheet did not actually sign the petition; or

13 (3) Causes a voter to sign a petition other than the  
14 one the voter intended to sign; or

15 (4) Forges or falsifies signatures; or

16 (5) Knowingly accepts or offers money or anything of  
17 value to another person in exchange for a signature on a  
18 petition.

19 2. Any person who knowingly causes a petition  
20 circulator's signatures to be submitted for counting, and  
21 who either knows that such circulator has violated  
22 subsection 1 of this section or, after receiving notice of  
23 facts indicating that such person may have violated  
24 subsection 1 of this section, causes the signatures to be  
25 submitted with reckless indifference as to whether such  
26 circulator has complied with subsection 1 of this section,  
27 shall also be deemed to have committed the crime of petition  
28 signature fraud.

29 3. A person who violates subsection 1 or 2 of this  
30 section, shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a  
31 class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the  
32 provisions of section [560.021] **558.002** to the contrary, by



33 a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county  
34 jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

35 4. Any person employed by or serving as an election  
36 authority, that has reasonable cause to suspect a person has  
37 committed petition signature fraud, shall immediately report  
38 or cause a report to be made to the appropriate prosecuting  
39 authorities. Failure to so report or cause a report to be  
40 made shall be a class A misdemeanor.

116.130. 1. The secretary of state may send copies of  
2 petition pages to election authorities to verify that the  
3 persons whose names are listed as signers to the petition  
4 are registered voters. Such verification may either be of  
5 each signature or by random sampling as provided in section  
6 116.120, as the secretary shall direct. If copies of the  
7 petition pages are sent to an election authority for  
8 verification, such copies shall be sent pursuant to the  
9 following schedule:

10 (1) Copies of all pages from not less than one  
11 petition shall be received in the office of the election  
12 authority not later than two weeks after the petition is  
13 filed in the office of secretary of state;

14 (2) Copies of all pages of a total of three petitions  
15 shall be received in the office of the election authority  
16 not later than three weeks after the petition is filed in  
17 the office of the secretary of state;

18 (3) If more than three petitions are filed, all copies  
19 of petition pages, including those petitions selected for  
20 verification by random sample pursuant to section 116.120,  
21 shall be received in the office of the election authority  
22 not later than the fourth week after the petition is filed  
23 in the office of the secretary of state.

24 Each election authority shall check the signatures against  
25 voter registration records in the election authority's  
26 jurisdiction, but the election authority shall count as  
27 valid only the signatures of persons registered as voters in  
28 the county named in the circulator's affidavit. Signatures  
29 shall not be counted as valid if they have been struck  
30 through or crossed out. **Signatures not in black or blue ink**  
31 **shall be counted as invalid without verification.**

32 2. If the election authority is requested to verify  
33 the petition by random sampling, such verification shall be  
34 completed and certified not later than thirty days from the  
35 date that the election authority receives the petition from  
36 the secretary of state. If the election authority is to  
37 verify each signature, such verification [must] **shall** be  
38 completed, certified and delivered to the secretary of state  
39 by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in July prior to the  
40 election, or in the event of complete verification of  
41 signatures after a failed random sample, full verification  
42 shall be completed, certified and delivered to the secretary  
43 of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in July or by  
44 5:00 p.m. on the Friday of the fifth week after receipt of  
45 the signatures by the local election authority, whichever is  
46 later.

47 3. If the election authority or the secretary of state  
48 determines that the congressional district number written  
49 after the signature of any voter is not the congressional  
50 district of which the voter is a resident, the election  
51 authority or the secretary of state shall correct the  
52 congressional district number on the petition page. Failure  
53 of a voter to give the voter's correct congressional  
54 district number shall not by itself be grounds for not  
55 counting the voter's signature.

56           4. The election authority shall return the copies of  
57 the petition pages to the secretary of state with  
58 annotations regarding any invalid or questionable signatures  
59 which the election authority has been asked to check by the  
60 secretary of state. The election authority shall verify the  
61 number of pages received for that county, and also certify  
62 the total number of valid signatures of voters from each  
63 congressional district which the election authority has been  
64 asked to check by the secretary of state.

65           5. The secretary of state is authorized to adopt rules  
66 to ensure uniform, complete, and accurate checking of  
67 petition signatures either by actual count or random  
68 sampling. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant  
69 to this section shall become effective unless it has been  
70 promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536.

71           6. After a period of three years from the time of  
72 submission of the petitions to the secretary of state, the  
73 secretary of state, if the secretary determines that  
74 retention of such petitions is no longer necessary, may  
75 destroy such petitions.

116.160. 1. If the general assembly adopts a joint  
2 resolution proposing a constitutional amendment or a bill  
3 without a fiscal note summary, which is to be referred to a  
4 vote of the people, after receipt of such resolution or bill  
5 the secretary of state shall promptly forward the resolution  
6 or bill to the state auditor. If the general assembly  
7 adopts a joint resolution proposing a constitutional  
8 amendment or a bill without an official summary statement,  
9 which is to be referred to a vote of the people, within  
10 twenty days after receipt of the resolution or bill, the  
11 secretary of state shall prepare and transmit to the  
12 attorney general a summary statement of the measure as the

13 proposed summary statement. The secretary of state may seek  
14 the advice of the legislator who introduced the  
15 constitutional amendment or bill and the speaker of the  
16 house or the president pro tem of the legislative chamber  
17 that originated the measure. The summary statement may be  
18 distinct from the legislative title of the proposed  
19 constitutional amendment or bill. The attorney general  
20 shall within ten days approve the legal content and form of  
21 the proposed statement.

22 2. The official summary statement shall contain no  
23 more than **one hundred** fifty words[, excluding articles].  
24 The title shall be a true and impartial statement of the  
25 purposes of the proposed measure in language neither  
26 intentionally argumentative nor likely to create prejudice  
27 either for or against the proposed measure.

116.230. 1. The secretary of state shall prepare  
2 sample ballots in the following form.

3 2. The top of the ballot shall read:

4 "OFFICIAL BALLOT STATE OF MISSOURI"

5 3. When constitutional amendments are submitted, the  
6 first heading shall read:

7 "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS"

8 There shall follow the numbers assigned under section  
9 116.210 the official ballot titles prepared under section  
10 116.160 or 116.334, and the fiscal note summaries prepared  
11 under section 116.170. Constitutional amendments proposed by  
12 the general assembly shall be designated as "Proposed by the  
13 general assembly". Constitutional amendments proposed by  
14 initiative petition shall be designated "Proposed by  
15 initiative petition". Constitutional amendments proposed by

16 constitutional convention shall be designated as "Proposed  
17 by constitutional convention".

18 4. When statutory measures are submitted, the next  
19 heading shall read:

20 "STATUTORY MEASURES"

21 There shall follow the letters assigned under section  
22 116.220, the official ballot titles prepared under section  
23 116.160 or 116.334, and the fiscal note summaries prepared  
24 under section 116.170. Statutory initiative measures shall  
25 be designated "Proposed by initiative petition". Referendum  
26 measures shall be designated "Referendum ordered by  
27 petition".

28 **5. Immediately following the official ballot title,**  
29 **the words "Shall the measure summarized be approved?" shall**  
30 **appear with the options to vote "YES" or "NO".**

116.270. 1. [There is hereby created a "Publications  
2 Fund" which shall be used only to pay printing, publication,  
3 and other expenses incurred in submitting statewide ballot  
4 measures to the voters.

5 2. The secretary of state shall certify to the  
6 commissioner of administration all valid claims for payment  
7 from the publications fund. On receiving the certified  
8 claims, the commissioner of administration shall issue  
9 warrants on the state treasurer payable to each individual  
10 out of the publications fund] **There is hereby created in the**  
11 **state treasury the "Secretary of State's Petition**  
12 **Publications Fund", which shall consist of money collected**  
13 **under section 116.050. The state treasurer shall be**  
14 **custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170**  
15 **and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements.**  
16 **The fund shall be a dedicated fund and money in the fund**

17 shall be used solely by the secretary of state for the  
18 purpose of making refunds as set forth in section 116.050  
19 and to pay publication expenses incurred in submitting  
20 statewide ballot measures to the voters. Any balance in the  
21 fund shall be used for the purposes set forth herein before  
22 using a general revenue appropriation for the same purpose.

23 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to  
24 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of  
25 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general  
26 revenue fund.

27 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund  
28 in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any  
29 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be  
30 credited to the fund.

116.332. 1. Before a constitutional amendment  
2 petition, a statutory initiative petition, or a referendum  
3 petition may be circulated for signatures, a sample sheet  
4 [must] shall be submitted to the secretary of state in the  
5 form in which it will be circulated. **Sample initiative**  
6 **petition sheets shall be filed no earlier than twelve weeks**  
7 **following a general election.** When a person submits a  
8 sample sheet of a petition he or she shall designate to the  
9 secretary of state the name and address of the person to  
10 whom any notices shall be sent pursuant to sections 116.140  
11 and 116.180 and, if a committee or person, except the  
12 individual submitting the sample sheet, is funding any  
13 portion of the drafting or submitting of the sample sheet,  
14 the person submitting the sample sheet shall submit a copy  
15 of the filed statement of committee organization required  
16 under subsection 5 of section 130.021 showing the date the  
17 statement was filed. The secretary of state shall refer a  
18 copy of the petition sheet to the attorney general for [his]

19 approval and to the state auditor for purposes of preparing  
20 a fiscal note and fiscal note summary. The secretary of  
21 state and attorney general [must] **shall** each review the  
22 petition for [sufficiency as to form] **compliance with**  
23 **section 116.050 and article III, sections 28, 49, 50, 51,**  
24 **and 52(a) of the Missouri Constitution** and approve or reject  
25 [the form of] the petition, stating the reasons for  
26 rejection, if any.

27 2. Within two business days of receipt of any such  
28 sample sheet, the office of the secretary of state shall  
29 conspicuously post on its website the text of the proposed  
30 measure, a disclaimer stating that such text may not  
31 constitute the full and correct text as required under  
32 section 116.050, and the name of the person or organization  
33 submitting the sample sheet. The secretary of state's  
34 failure to comply with such posting shall be considered a  
35 violation of chapter 610 and subject to the penalties  
36 provided under subsection 3 of section 610.027. The posting  
37 shall be removed within three days of either the withdrawal  
38 of the petition under section 116.115 or the rejection for  
39 any reason of the petition.

40 3. Upon receipt of a petition from the office of the  
41 secretary of state, the attorney general shall examine the  
42 petition [as to form] **and determine whether it complies with**  
43 **section 116.050 and article III, sections 28, 49, 50, 51,**  
44 **and 52(a) of the Missouri Constitution.** If the petition is  
45 rejected [as to form], the attorney general shall forward  
46 his or her comments to the secretary of state within ten  
47 days after receipt of the petition by the attorney general.  
48 If the petition is approved [as to form], the attorney  
49 general shall forward his or her approval [as to form] to

50 the secretary of state within ten days after receipt of the  
51 petition by the attorney general.

52 4. The secretary of state shall review the comments  
53 and statements of the attorney general [as to form] and make  
54 a final decision as to the approval or rejection [of the  
55 form] of the petition. The secretary of state shall send  
56 written notice to the person who submitted the petition  
57 sheet of the approval within fifteen days after submission  
58 of the petition sheet. The secretary of state shall send  
59 written notice if the petition has been rejected, together  
60 with reasons for rejection, within fifteen days after  
61 submission of the petition sheet.

116.334. 1. If the petition [form] is approved  
2 **pursuant to section 116.332**, the secretary of state shall  
3 make a copy of the sample petition available on the  
4 secretary of state's website. For a period of fifteen days  
5 after the petition is approved [as to form] **pursuant to**  
6 **section 116.332**, the secretary of state shall accept public  
7 comments regarding the proposed measure and provide copies  
8 of such comments upon request. Within twenty-three days of  
9 receipt of such approval, the secretary of state shall  
10 prepare and transmit to the attorney general a summary  
11 statement of the measure which shall be a concise statement  
12 not exceeding one hundred **fifty** words. This statement shall  
13 [be in the form of a question using] **use** language neither  
14 intentionally argumentative nor likely to create prejudice  
15 either for or against the proposed measure. The attorney  
16 general shall within ten days approve the legal content and  
17 form of the proposed statement.

18 2. Signatures obtained prior to the date the official  
19 ballot title is certified by the secretary of state shall  
20 not be counted. **If a court orders a change that**



21 substantially alters the content of the official ballot  
22 title under subsection 4 of section 116.190 then all  
23 signatures gathered before such change occurred shall be  
24 invalidated, regardless of whether those signatures were  
25 gathered on petition pages that displayed what was  
26 previously the official ballot title as certified by the  
27 secretary of state.

28 3. Signatures for statutory initiative petitions shall  
29 be filed not later than six months prior to the general  
30 election during which the petition's ballot measure is  
31 submitted for a vote, and shall also be collected not  
32 earlier than the day after the day upon which the previous  
33 general election was held.

Section B. Section A of this act shall become  
2 effective on November 9, 2022.

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