

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27188

The purpose of this legislation is to increase voter involvement in the voter initiative/referendum process. To increase voter involvement, proponents of initiatives/referenda will be required to secure signatures from 10% of registered voters in the required number of legislative districts.

FISCAL NOTE

Under existing law, county clerks already have to verify initiative/referendum signatures for 18 legislative districts. This bill would require the total number of signatures to be verified in each district to increase from 6% to 10% and would therefore require additional time during the verification process. It is anticipated that existing staff will handle the increased workload. The Secretary of State's office does not envision more than a minimal increase in work by existing staff.

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