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**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 02-1007**

101     **SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF**  
102     **COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1 (2) OF ARTICLE V OF**  
103     **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, CONCERNING**  
104     **THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO**  
105     **PROPOSE A LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION.**

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**Resolution Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Reduces the number of signatures required to propose a law by initiative petition to 4% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election, leaving at 5% the number required to propose a constitutional amendment.

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

Requires initiative petitions to specify whether the measure proposes changes to law, the constitution, or both. States that measures proposing both a law and a constitutional amendment shall require signatures in the amount of 5% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election.

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1           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
2           *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
3           *herein:*

4           **SECTION 1.** At the next election at which such question may be  
5           submitted, there shall be submitted to the registered electors of the state  
6           of Colorado, for their approval or rejection, the following amendment to  
7           the constitution of the state of Colorado, to wit:

8           Section 1 (2) of article V of the constitution of the state of  
9           Colorado is amended to read:

10           **Section 1. General assembly - initiative and referendum.**

11           (2) The first power hereby reserved by the people is the initiative. ~~and~~  
12           Signatures by registered electors in an amount equal to at least five  
13           percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office  
14           of secretary of state at the previous general election shall be required to  
15           propose any ~~measure~~ AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION by petition.  
16           SIGNATURES BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST  
17           FOUR PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR ALL  
18           CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE PREVIOUS  
19           GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE ANY LAW BY  
20           PETITION. ~~and~~ Every such petition shall include the full text of the  
21           measure so proposed AND SPECIFY WHETHER THE MEASURE PROPOSES A  
22           LAW, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, OR BOTH. IF A MEASURE

1 INCLUDES BOTH A LAW AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION,  
2 SIGNATURES BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST  
3 FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR ALL  
4 CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE PREVIOUS  
5 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE IT. Initiative  
6 petitions for ~~state legislation~~ LAWS and amendments to the constitution,  
7 in such form as may be prescribed pursuant to law, shall be addressed to  
8 and filed with the secretary of state at least three months before the  
9 general election at which they are to be voted upon.

10 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at said election and desirous of  
11 voting for or against said amendment shall cast a vote as provided by law  
12 either "Yes" or "No" on the proposition: "AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION  
13 1 (2) OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,  
14 CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED  
15 TO PROPOSE A LAW BY INITIATIVE PETITION."

16 **SECTION 3.** The votes cast for the adoption or rejection of said  
17 amendment shall be canvassed and the result determined in the manner  
18 provided by law for the canvassing of votes for representatives in  
19 Congress, and if a majority of the electors voting on the question shall  
20 have voted "Yes", the said amendment shall become a part of the state  
21 constitution.