

**STATE**  
**CONDITIONAL FISCAL IMPACT**

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**SHORT TITLE:** PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal net change.	
FTE Position Change		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		

\* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

**Summary of Legislation**

The concurrent resolution refers a constitutional amendment to voters at the 2014 general election that changes the requirements to place a citizen initiated constitutional amendment on the ballot. Specifically, it requires a minimum number of signatures to be collected from each congressional district.

The resolution specifies that in each congressional district, an initiative petition must receive at least 70 percent of the minimum number of the total signatures necessary divided by the number of United States Congressional Districts. Currently, this requires ten percent of the total number of required signatures be collected from each congressional district. However, this number may change if the number of congressional districts changes in the future. Initiative petitions including both statutory and constitutional measures must meet the constitutional amendment signature requirements set forth in the resolution. These requirements do not apply to amendments repealing provisions approved by voters prior to 2015.

**State Expenditures**

While the resolution may decrease the number of petitions submitted to the Secretary of State for review, it also increases verification workload by requiring a check of signatures collected in each congressional district. This increases the likelihood that the Secretary of State will be required to conduct a line-by-line verification for some or all congressional districts. Petition verification costs are paid from the Department of State's Cash Fund.

**Election Impact (For Informational Purposes Only)**

The bill refers a measure to the voters at the November 2014 general election. This measure will be published in newspapers and an analysis of the measure will be included in the Blue Book mailed to all registered voter households prior to the election. Under current law, costs for these functions will be paid through a General Fund line item in the Long Appropriations Bill. Table 1 below identifies the anticipated costs for the 2014 Blue Book.

<b>Table 1. Cost to Produce and Distribute the 2014 Blue Book to All Registered Voter Households</b>	
Printing	\$450,000
Postage	\$450,000
Translation	\$15,000
Newspaper Publication (English & Spanish)	\$400,000
<b>Total Cost (12 issues)</b>	<b>\$1,315,000</b>
<b>Average Cost per Issue</b>	<b>\$109,583</b>

**Effective Date**

The proposed constitutional amendment takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor within 30 days of the election date, if approved by the voters at the 2014 General Election, and applies to initiative petition filed for inclusion at the 2015 odd-year election and subsequent elections.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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