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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 01-1001

101 CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE  
102 STATE OF COLORADO OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1 (2) AND  
103 (6) OF ARTICLE V AND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII OF THE  
104 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, MODIFYING  
105 ELECTION PROCEDURES AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
106 REQUIRING INITIATIVE PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE  
107 CONSTITUTION TO BE SIGNED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS  
108 RESIDING IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT  
109 EQUAL TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
110 VOTES CAST FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF  
111 SECRETARY OF STATE IN SUCH DISTRICT AT THE PREVIOUS  
112 GENERAL ELECTION, INCREASING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO AN  
113 ELECTION THAT INITIATIVE PETITIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE

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.

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 21, 2001

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 19, 2001

101            **SECRETARY OF STATE TO AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS, INSTEAD OF**  
102            **THREE MONTHS, BEFORE THE ELECTION AT WHICH THEY ARE TO**  
103            **BE VOTED UPON, AND DECREASING THE PERIOD OF RESIDENCY**  
104            **THAT A CITIZEN MUST RESIDE IN THE STATE TO BE A QUALIFIED**  
105            **ELECTOR FROM AT LEAST ONE YEAR TO AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.**

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### **Resolution Summary**

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

Modifies the signature requirements for initiative petitions to amend the Colorado constitution. Requires signatures to be gathered from registered electors residing in each United States congressional district in the state in an amount equal to at least 5% of the registered electors who voted for the candidates for the office of the secretary of state in such district in the most recent 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 herein:*

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

7            Section 1 (2) and (6) of article V of the constitution of the state of  
8            Colorado are amended to read:

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

10            (2) The first power hereby reserved by the people is the initiative. ~~and~~  
11            FOR INITIATIVE PETITIONS FOR STATE LEGISLATION, signatures by  
12            registered electors in an amount equal to at least five percent of the total  
13            number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state  
14            at the previous general election shall be required to propose any measure

1 by petition. ~~and~~ FOR INITIATIVE PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE  
2 CONSTITUTION, SIGNATURES BY REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING IN EACH  
3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST FIVE  
4 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR  
5 THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE IN SUCH DISTRICT AT THE PREVIOUS  
6 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE ANY MEASURE BY  
7 PETITION. Every ~~such~~ petition FOR STATE LEGISLATION AND AMENDMENTS  
8 TO THE CONSTITUTION shall include the full text of the measure so  
9 proposed. ~~Initiative~~ THE petitions, ~~for state legislation and amendments~~  
10 ~~to the constitution~~ in such form as may be prescribed pursuant to law,  
11 shall be addressed to and filed with the secretary of state at least ~~three~~  
12 ~~FOUR~~ months before the general election at which they are to be voted  
13 upon.

14 (6) The petition shall consist of sheets having such general form  
15 printed or written at the top thereof as shall be designated or prescribed  
16 by the secretary of state; such petition shall be signed by registered  
17 electors in their own proper persons only, to which shall be attached the  
18 residence address of such person, ~~and~~ the date of signing the same, AND,  
19 FOR A PETITION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION, THE CONGRESSIONAL  
20 DISTRICT WITHIN WHICH SUCH PERSON RESIDES. To each of such petitions,  
21 which may consist of one or more sheets, shall be attached an affidavit of  
22 some ~~registered~~ elector that each signature thereon is the signature of the  
23 person whose name it purports to be and that, to the best of the knowledge  
24 and belief of the affiant, each of the persons signing said petition was, at  
25 the time of signing, a registered elector. Such petition so verified shall be  
26 prima facie evidence that the signatures thereon are genuine and true and  
27 that the persons signing the same are registered electors.

1 Section 1 of article VII of the constitution of the state of Colorado  
2 is amended to read:

3 **Section 1. Qualifications of elector.** Every citizen of the United  
4 States who has attained the age of eighteen years, has resided in this state  
5 not less than ~~one year~~ THIRTY DAYS next preceding the election at which  
6 he offers to vote and in the county, city, town, ward, or precinct such time  
7 as may be prescribed by law, and has been duly registered as a voter if  
8 required by law shall be qualified to vote at all elections; except that the  
9 general assembly may by law extend to citizens of the United States who  
10 have resided in this state less than ~~one year~~ THIRTY DAYS the right to vote  
11 for presidential and vice-presidential electors.

12 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at said election and desirous of  
13 voting for or against said amendment shall cast a vote as provided by law  
14 either "Yes" or "No" on the proposition: "AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1  
15 (2) AND (6) OF ARTICLE V AND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII OF THE  
16 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, MODIFYING ELECTION  
17 PROCEDURES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING INITIATIVE  
18 PETITIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BE SIGNED BY  
19 REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN AN  
20 AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
21 VOTES CAST FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE  
22 IN SUCH DISTRICT AT THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION, INCREASING THE  
23 PERIOD PRIOR TO AN ELECTION THAT INITIATIVE PETITIONS MUST BE FILED  
24 WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS, INSTEAD OF  
25 THREE MONTHS, BEFORE THE ELECTION AT WHICH THEY ARE TO BE VOTED  
26 UPON, AND DECREASING THE PERIOD OF RESIDENCY THAT A CITIZEN MUST  
27 RESIDE IN THE STATE TO BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR FROM AT LEAST ONE

1 YEAR TO AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS."

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