

SB 50 -- PETITION SIGNATURE VERIFICATION

SPONSOR: Coleman (Seigfreid)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill requires an election authority to complete its verification of initiative and referendum petition signatures no later than 30 days from the date the authority receives the petition from the Secretary of State. Currently, the authority must complete the verification within two weeks.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to give election authorities more time to verify signatures on initiative and referendum petitions.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Coleman.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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