

HCS HJR 16 -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the number of voter signatures that are required to place an initiative petition or a referendum on a ballot. Currently, an initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Missouri Constitution must be signed by 8% of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the Congressional districts. The resolution changes the requirement to 5.25% of the legal voters in each Congressional district.

Currently, a referendum petition must be signed by 5% of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the Congressional districts. The resolution changes the requirement to 3.25% of the legal voters in each Congressional district.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 in FY 2012, an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, and an income of \$0 to a cost of Unknown in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.