

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 6026**

**AS OF JANUARY 18, 1994**

**Brief Description:** Modifying the signature requirements for initiatives, referendums, and recalls.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Haugen and Winsley

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Hearing Dates:** January 21, 1994

**BACKGROUND:**

Initiative petitions must be signed by voters equal in number to 8 percent of the votes cast for the Office of Governor at the last regular gubernatorial election.

Referendum petitions must be signed by voters equal in number to 4 percent of the votes cast for the Office of Governor at the last regular gubernatorial election.

In the demand of recall for a state officer, petitions must be signed by voters equal in number to 25 percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office to which the officer whose recall is demanded was elected at the preceding election.

There is no geographic distribution requirement for signatures on any of these petitions.

**SUMMARY:**

For petitions of initiatives, referendums, and recalls of state officers, a pro rata share of the necessary minimum of signatures shall be obtained in each congressional district.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested