
HOUSE BILL 1713

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By Representative McMorris

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1 AN ACT Relating to signature requirements for initiatives,
2 referendums, and recalls; and amending RCW 29.79.120 and 29.82.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.79.120 and 1982 c 116 s 12 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 When the person proposing any initiative measure has secured upon
7 such initiative petition a number of signatures of legal voters equal
8 to or exceeding eight percent of the votes cast for the office of
9 governor at the last regular gubernatorial election prior to the
10 submission of the signatures for verification, or when the person or
11 organization demanding any referendum of an act of the legislature or
12 any part thereof has secured upon any such referendum petition a number
13 of signatures of legal voters equal to or exceeding four percent of the
14 votes cast for the office of governor at the last regular gubernatorial
15 election prior to the submission of the signatures for verification,
16 he, she, or they may submit the petition to the secretary of state for
17 filing. A pro rata share of the necessary minimum number of signatures
18 shall be obtained in each congressional district.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.82.060 and 1991 c 363 s 36 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 When the person, committee, or organization demanding the recall of
4 a public officer has secured sufficient signatures upon the recall
5 petition the person, committee, or organization may submit the same to
6 the officer with whom the charge was filed for filing in his or her
7 office. The number of signatures required shall be as follows:

8 (1) In the case of a state officer, an officer of a city of the
9 first class, a member of a school board in a city of the first class,
10 or a county officer of a county with a population of forty thousand or
11 more--signatures of legal voters equal to twenty-five percent of the
12 total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office to which
13 the officer whose recall is demanded was elected at the preceding
14 election. A pro rata share of the necessary minimum number of
15 signatures for the recall of a state officer shall be obtained in each
16 congressional district.

17 (2) In the case of an officer of any political subdivision, city,
18 town, township, precinct, or school district other than those mentioned
19 in subsection (1) of this section, and in the case of a state senator
20 or representative--signatures of legal voters equal to thirty-five
21 percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the
22 office to which the officer whose recall is demanded was elected at the
23 preceding election.

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