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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Joint Resolution No. 16

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1, OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION
CONCERNING INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution No. 16

Amend Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 10 and substitute the following:

"REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CORRECTION OR AMENDMENT OF INSUFFICIENT STATE-WIDE PETITIONS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 30 and 31 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. The subsection of Article 5, Section 1 of the Arkansas Constitution titled "Amendment of Petition" is amended to read as follows:

Amendment of Petition. (a)(1) If the Secretary of State, county clerk or city clerk, as the case may be, shall decide any petition to be insufficient, he or she shall without delay notify the ~~sponsors~~ sponsors of such petition, and permit at least thirty (30) days from the date of such notification, in the instance of a state-wide petition, or ten (10) days in the instance of a municipal or county petition, for correction or amendment.

(2) For a state-wide petition, correction or amendment of an insufficient petition shall be permitted only if:

(A) The petition contains at least ninety percent (90%) of the number of signatures required;

(B) At least ninety percent (90%) of the signatures are valid signatures of legal voters; and

(C) The petition includes the signatures of legal voters from at least fifteen (15) of the counties in the state.

(b) In the event of legal proceedings to prevent giving legal effect to any petition upon any grounds, the burden of proof shall be upon the person or persons attacking the validity of the petition."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator B. Sample

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