

State of Arkansas

CALL ITEM NO. 22

76th General Assembly

Fourth Extraordinary Session, 1988

HOUSE BILL 1020

By: Representative Mahony

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 7-9-111 TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME PERIOD FOR VERIFYING INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS BE CHANGED FROM 15 DAYS TO 25 DAYS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-9-111(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"7-9-111. Determination of sufficiency of petition - Corrections. (a) The Secretary of State shall ascertain and declare the sufficiency or insufficiency of each initiative and referendum petition within twenty-five (25) days after it is filed."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the number of signatures required for initiative and referendum petitions has significantly increased since the passage of Act 195 of 1943; that 15 days is an inadequate amount of time to properly and thoroughly ascertain the sufficiency or insufficiency of each petition. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

