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HOUSE BILL 22-1045

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY PETITION FOR A
102 CITIZEN-INITIATED STATUTORY CHANGE BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST
103 TWO PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO RESIDE IN
104 EACH STATE SENATE DISTRICT FOR THE CHANGE TO BE PLACED
105 ON THE BALLOT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The Colorado constitution currently requires any petition for a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment to be signed by at least 2% of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the change to be placed on the ballot. If a constitutional amendment that extends this requirement to a citizen-initiated statutory change is approved by the voters of the state at the 2022 general election, the bill makes a conforming statutory change to extend the requirement.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-40-109, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **1-40-109. Signatures required - withdrawal.** (1) (a) No petition
5 for any initiated law is of any force or effect, nor shall the proposed law
6 be submitted to the people of the state of Colorado for adoption or
7 rejection at the polls, as is by law provided for, unless the petition for the
8 submission of the initiated law is signed by the number of registered
9 electors REQUIRED BY SECTION 1 (2.5) OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION WHO
10 RESIDE IN EACH STATE SENATE DISTRICT IN COLORADO AND THE TOTAL
11 NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE PETITION IS AT
12 LEAST THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS required by section 1 (2)
13 of article V of the state constitution.

14 (b) No petition for any initiated amendment to the state
15 constitution is of any force or effect, nor shall the initiated amendment to
16 the state constitution be submitted to the people of the state of Colorado
17 for adoption or rejection at the polls, as is by law provided for, unless the
18 petition for the submission of the initiated amendment to the state
19 constitution is signed by the number of registered electors required by
20 SECTION 1 (2.5) OF the state constitution who reside in each state senate
21 district in Colorado ~~so long as~~ AND the total number of registered electors
22 who have signed the petition is at least the number of registered electors
23 required by section 1 (2) of article V of the state constitution.

1 (c) For purposes of this ~~subsection (1)(b)~~ SUBSECTION (1), the
2 number and boundaries of the state senate districts are those in existence,
3 and the number of registered electors in the state senate districts is those
4 registered, at the time the form of the petition is approved for circulation
5 in accordance with section 1-40-113 (1)(a).

6 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect only if an
7 amendment to the Colorado constitution that requires any petition for a
8 citizen-initiated statutory change to be signed by at least two percent of
9 the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the
10 change to be placed on the ballot is approved by the people at the next
11 general election and becomes law, and, in such case, this act takes effect
12 on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.