

HCS HJR 94 -- INITIATIVE PETITIONS

SPONSOR: Deeken (Dethrow)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 2.

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the minimum legal voter signature requirement for placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot through the initiative petition process from 8% of the legal voters in two-thirds of the Congressional districts in Missouri to 8% of the legal voters in each of the Congressional districts.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2011, an income of \$0 in FY 2012, and an income of \$0 or a cost of \$85,080 in FY 2013. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill helps to prevent out-of-state interest groups from unduly influencing Missouri elections. Currently, Missouri has one of the easiest processes for amending the state constitution which occasionally results in the submission of bad ballot language.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dethrow.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.