

HCS HJR 47 -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment to be signed by 5.25% of the legal voters in each Congressional district. Currently, a petition must be signed by 8% of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the Congressional districts.

Initiative petitions proposing laws and referendums subjecting laws to a popular vote will require the signatures of 3.25% of the legal voters in each Congressional district. Currently, they must be signed by 5% of the legal voters in each of two-thirds of the Congressional districts.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$7,000,000 in FY 2013, an income of \$0 in FY 2014, and an income of \$0 in FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.