

INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of the state of South Dakota, petition that the following section and article of the South Dakota Constitution be amended and that this proposal be submitted to the voters of the state of South Dakota at the general election on November 3, 2026 for their approval or rejection.

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Requiring Legislative Changes to Initiative and Referendum Procedures to be Approved by a Vote of the People.

Attorney General Explanation: The State Constitution gives citizens the right to propose constitutional amendments and state laws under the initiative process. The Constitution also gives citizens the right to challenge laws passed by the Legislature through the referendum process.

Currently, the procedures for initiative and referendum are set out in state law. Those procedures can be changed or repealed by the Legislature through the regular legislative process.

Under this constitutional amendment, the Legislature may still pass legislation that changes or repeals laws affecting initiative and referendum procedures. But that legislation does not become effective unless approved by the voters at the next general election.

Amendment Text: *That Article III, § 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be AMENDED by adding the following:*

Any law or measure passed by the Legislature affecting the people's exercise of their right to initiative and referendum is effective only if approved by the electors of the state at the general election immediately following Legislative passage.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS:

1. Signers of this petition must individually sign their names in the form in which they are registered to vote or as they usually sign their names.
2. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must add the residence address of the signer and the date of signing. If the signer is a resident of a second or third class municipality, a post office box may be used for the residence address.
3. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must print the name of the signer in the space provided and add the county of voter registration.
4. Abbreviations of common usage may be used. Ditto marks may not be used.
5. Failure to provide all information requested may invalidate the signature.

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SD Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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VERIFICATION BY PERSON CIRCULATING PETITION INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCULATOR:
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Print name of the circulator _____ Residence Address _____ City _____ State _____

I, under oath, state that I circulated the above petition, that each signer personally signed this petition in my presence, that I am not attesting to any signature obtained by any other person, that I am a resident of South Dakota, that I made reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge each person signing the petition is a qualified voter in the county indicated on the signature line, that no state statute regarding petition circulation was knowingly violated, and that either the signer or I added the printed name, the residence address of the signer, the date of signing, and the county of voter registration.

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Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.
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My Commission Expires _____

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