

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 Voter-Approved Initiated Measures, for Seven Years After Approval, to Pass by a Three-Fourths Vote of the Legislature and be Approved by a Vote of the People.

Attorney General Explanation: The State Constitution gives citizens the right to propose state laws under the initiative process. Through that process, if an initiated measure is approved by the voters, it goes into effect on July 1 of the following year.

Currently, the Legislature can repeal or change initiated measures approved by the voters through the regular legislative process.

This constitutional amendment restricts the Legislature's ability to change or repeal voter-approved initiated measures for seven years after a measure goes into effect. Within those seven years, the Legislature may still pass legislation that changes or repeals laws approved by initiated measure, but that legislation must pass by a three-fourths vote of all members in each house of the Legislature. The voters must also approve that legislation at the next general election before the legislation becomes effective.

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

The Legislature may not repeal or amend a measure proposed by the people and approved by the electors for seven years from the measure's effective date, except by a three-fourths vote of the members elected to each house, and only if the repeal or amendment is 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.
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Filed this 27th day of

March 2025

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SD Secretary of State

Monae L. Johnson

SECRETARY OF STATE

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