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Thank you for signing our petition to restore your rights!

We think our explanation is easier to understand than the AG's:

Sections 1-3 stop forcing circulators to hand out personal contact and pay information while still requiring that circulators make available contact information about their petition's sponsors.

Sections 1-3 allow circulators to provide required petition information in print or electronic format.

Sections 1-2 allow petitioners eight more months to obtain voter signatures on initiative petitions.

Section 4 allows voter-approved measures to take effect one week after the vote but allows voters to approve later enactment dates.

Section 5 stops forcing citizens to give the state personal information and documents to exercise their right to petition.

* **Section 6** removes additional fines and potentially unconstitutional restrictions on petition rights.

* **Section 7** allows the Legislative Research Council to write more detailed fiscal notes and requires the LRC to provide this guidance in 15 days rather than 60.

* **Section 8** requires the Attorney General to explain initiatives in 15 days rather than 60 and shortens ballots by removing the fiscal note.

* **Section 9** removes a four-month delay, added in 2018, from LRC review of initiatives.

* **Section 10** repeals the single-subject rule for initiated measures.

* **Section 11** removes a reference to a statute repealed by Section 9.

The LRC overestimates the cost. The Secretary of State will be able to recess most if not all petitions at no additional cost.

View the full petition text and learn more at SDVoice.org.

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State law requires that I provide you the Attorney General's title for this initiative: "An initiated measure changing initiative and referendum requirements"—the Attorney General's attempt to explain it: "This measure changes and repeals laws regarding ballot measures. It eliminates some information a petition circulator must provide to a petition signer, including circulator contact information and a statement whether the circulator is paid. It eliminates the requirement that sponsors submit circulator residency information. It repeals the law barring individuals from sponsoring or circulating petitions for four years if they have committed multiple petition-law violations. It repeals the law extending the Legislative Research Council's deadline for reviewing initiated measures received during legislative session. It changes fiscal note requirements for initiated measures and initiated constitutional amendments, and removes fiscal notes from the ballot for these types of measures. It decreases the time in which the Attorney General must file a title and explanation for initiated measures and initiated amendments. It repeals the law prohibiting an initiated measure from embracing more than one subject. Currently, sponsors must file signed initiative petitions with the Secretary of State at least one year prior to the general election. The measure changes this deadline to four months prior. Under this measure, most voter-approved ballot measures would take effect the day after the official vote canvass, rather than the following July 1 as the law currently states."—and this fiscal note from the Legislative Research Council: "By reducing the time available to review signed initiative petitions by 89%, this initiated measure would require the Secretary of State to increase staffing resources temporarily. The estimated increase of state expenditures is approximately \$35,000 every two years." State law requires this info, too.

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