

Initiative 2025-2026 #224 REVISED

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Colorado Revised Statutes 1-40-137. PETITION RIGHTS.

(1) Procedures.

— (1) Petition rights shall exist in all districts. All state and county election offices shall aid any petition. State texts are reviewed within four days. Ballot titles up to 60 words in plain English shall be set four days later without fiscal impact. All single subject and title protests shall be filed in the supreme court in four days and decided six days later. Sample petitions using 1992 forms are given two days later. Any adult may carry or file any petition.

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— (2) ~~Local~~ initiative entries shall top 54% of voters in its last district ~~election active registered electors up to 100,000 entries~~. Entries list first and last name, signature, date, registered elector home address, and town, city, or county. Random or statistical entry sampling is void. Affidavit defects shall not affect entries. Entries shall be filed within 300 days. In five days, neutral election offices shall count each filed entry. Five days later, only private parties may protest specific itemized entries in the supreme court only. Signers shall be strongly presumed truly addressed district registered electors. Common abbreviations are valid. Decisions shall issue ten days later. Invalidity starts one 5-day cure filing period.

— (3) Filings by August 1 shall allow Election Day each November on any topic. Election notice summaries shall apply. Ballots shall print one filer and one foe web address listed by August 1.

(2) Referendum. Only 12 bills may be state petition-exempt yearly. ~~Filing 30,000 valid entries without cure by 90 days after the session shall delay effective dates until elections~~. Ballot titles shall read, "Shall (listed sections of) (bill number) be rejected?" Future bills on rejected topics require voter approval.

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(3) Definitions.

- (1) Districts: the state and all local and home rule governments and authorities.
- (2) Petitions: initiatives and referenda on legislative policy, except zoning, started by two or more adults any time.

(4) Enforcement. This law is self-executing, severable, effective at once, and repeals all conflicting laws and C.R.S. 1-40-105, -105.5, -106, -107, -108, -110, -111, -112, -113, -116, -117, -118, -119, -121, -130, -134, and -135. Those who stop, cite, or arrest carriers or signers peaceably petitioning in public access areas shall be fined \$3,000. Petitioners may appear by telephone and email. Any petition fee, fine, or cost after 2024 shall be void. Except Article V, changing voter-approved petitions requires voter-approved petitions.

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