

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

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

Section 1. Procedures. (1) Petition rights shall exist in all districts. All state or county election offices shall aid any petition. State texts shall be reviewed in four days. Ballot titles up to 60 words in plain English shall be set in six days. All title protests shall be filed in the supreme court two days after setting and decided six days later. Sample petitions shall be given two days later, using 1992 forms. Any adult may carry or file any petition.

(2) Initiative entries shall be 5% of district active registered electors, up to 120,000 entries at first. State entries may increase up to 6,000 every four years. Entry lines list printed name, signature, date, registered elector home address, and town, city, or county. Random or statistical entry sampling is forbidden. Affidavit defects shall not affect entries.

(3) Local entries shall be first filed by 120 days, and state entries by 365 days, after getting sample petitions. In five days, neutral election offices shall count and report each filed entry for substantial visual compliance. Two days later, anyone may protest in the supreme court only. Signers shall be presumed truly addressed district registered electors. Decisions shall issue 10 days later. Invalidity starts one 30-day cure filing period per petition.

(4) First filings by August 1 shall enable ballot issues each November on any topics. Election notice comments shall apply. Ballots shall print one filer and one foe website listed by August 1.

Section 2. Referendum petitions. Only nine bills and one budget may be state petition-exempt yearly. First filing 60,000 entries 90 days after the session ends shall delay effective dates until elections. Ballot titles shall read, "Shall (listed sections of) (bill number) be rejected?" Later bills on rejected topics require voter approval.

Section 3. Definitions. (1) Districts: the state and all local and home rule governments and authorities.

(2) Petitions: initiatives or referenda on legislative policy, except zoning, begun by one or more adults any time.

Section 4. Enforcement. This law is self-executing, severable, effective at once, and repeals all conflicting laws. Those who stop, cite, or arrest carriers or signers who peaceably petition in public access areas shall be fined \$3,000. Petitioners may use telephones and email. Changing any voter-approved petition requires voter approval of a petition.

380 words

WHAT PETITION RIGHTS WILL DO FOR YOU:

1. Allow petitions to counties, schools, special districts.
2. Review each petition entry, not a mere 5% to reject.
3. Have one Election Day each November for all petitions.
4. Limit state to 10 “emergency” laws yearly, not 400+.
5. Reduce many pages of petition law to only 380 words.

After 112 years, the petition process needs reform. Make All Government Accountable, user friendly, and respectful of *public* goals, not *special* interests who dislike petitions.

Term limits and TABOR tax refunds were petitions. Schools must honor parental control. End lock downs and mandates. Restore honest elections. Citizen petitions can fix bad policy.

PetitionRights.com.