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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22-1001

101 **SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF**
102 **COLORADO AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION**
103 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY PETITION FOR A**
104 **CITIZEN-INITIATED STATUTORY CHANGE BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST**
105 **TWO PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS WHO RESIDE IN**
106 **EACH STATE SENATE DISTRICT FOR THE CHANGE TO BE PLACED**
107 **ON THE BALLOT.**

Resolution Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this resolution as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this resolution passes third reading in the house of introduction, a resolution summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this resolution will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The Colorado constitution currently requires any petition for a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment to be signed by at least 2% of the registered electors who reside in each state senate district for the change to be placed on the ballot. If approved by the voters at the November 2022 general election, the concurrent resolution would extend this requirement to a citizen-initiated statutory change.

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

3 **SECTION 1.** At the election held on November 8, 2022, the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the registered electors of the state the
5 ballot title set forth in section 2 for the following amendment to the state
6 constitution:

7 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 1 (2.5)
8 of article V as follows:

9 **Section 1. General assembly - initiative and referendum.**
10 (2.5) ~~In order to make it more difficult to amend this constitution,~~ A
11 petition for an initiated constitutional amendment OR AN INITIATED
12 STATUTORY CHANGE shall be signed by registered electors who reside in
13 each state senate district in Colorado in an amount equal to at least two
14 percent of the total registered electors in the senate district provided that
15 the total number of signatures of registered electors on the petition shall
16 at least equal the number of signatures required by subsection (2) of this
17 section. For purposes of this subsection (2.5), the number and boundaries
18 of the senate districts and the number of registered electors in the senate
19 districts shall be those in effect at the time the form of the petition has
20 been approved for circulation as provided by law.

21 **SECTION 2.** Each elector voting at the election may cast a vote
22 either "Yes/For" or "No/Against" on the following ballot title: "Shall

1 there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning a
2 requirement that any petition for a citizen-initiated statutory change be
3 signed by at least two percent of the registered electors who reside in each
4 state senate district for the change to be placed on the ballot?"

5 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided in section 1-40-123,
6 Colorado Revised Statutes, if at least fifty-five percent of the electors
7 voting on the ballot title vote "Yes/For", then the amendment will become
8 part of the state constitution.