

1998 Ballot Issues

Constitutional Amendment A

The following is the language which will appear on the 1998 general election ballot.

The adoption of this amendment will allow the legislature to reapportion its membership at the first session after all the census data is available.

Constitutional Amendment B

The following is the language which will appear on the 1998 general election ballot.

The passage of this amendment would change the minimum requirement for petition signatures for initiative and referendums. Currently the petition must be signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified voters in the state, with that number based on those who voted in the last general election. There must also be at least one (1) qualified voter signing from at least two-thirds (2/3) of the counties. This amendment would keep the overall, or statewide, number of signatures required the same, but would increase the minimum number required in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the counties from one (1) signature, to fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified voters of that county, as determined by the number of votes in the last general election. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the signatures needed to place an initiative or referendum on the ballot cannot be gathered in only the most populated counties, and that a significant number of qualified voters from throughout the state support the proposal.

Constitutional Amendment C

The following is the language which will appear on the 1998 general election ballot.

The adoption of this amendment would provide that funds paid into the workers' compensation fund may only be expended as provided in the Workers' Compensation Act and for debt service and for workplace safety as provided by law.