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The Committee on Judiciary (Villalobos) recommended the following ~~substitute for~~ amendment ~~(751982)~~:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Beatrice T. Posey Truth in Petition Act."

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended, present subsection (6) of that section is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section to read:

100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.--

(1) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative shall be placed on the ballot for the general election, provided the initiative petition has been filed with the Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the general election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary

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1 determines that valid and verified the petition forms have has
2 been signed by the constitutionally required number and
3 distribution of electors under this code, subject to the right
4 of revocation established in this section.

5 (6)(a) An elector's signature on a petition form may
6 be revoked by submitting to the appropriate supervisor of
7 elections a signed petition-revocation form adopted by rule
8 for this purpose by the division.

9 (b) The petition-revocation form and the manner in
10 which signatures are obtained, submitted, and verified shall
11 be subject to the same relevant requirements and timeframes as
12 the corresponding petition form and processes under this code
13 and shall be approved by the Secretary of State before any
14 signature on a petition-revocation form is obtained.

15 (c) Supervisors of elections shall provide
16 petition-revocation forms to the public at all main and branch
17 offices.

18 (d) The petition-revocation form shall be filed with
19 the supervisor of elections by February 1 preceding the next
20 general election or, if the initiative amendment is not
21 certified for ballot position in that election, by February 1
22 preceding the next successive general election. The supervisor
23 of elections shall promptly verify the signature on the
24 petition-revocation form and process such revocation upon
25 payment, in advance, of a fee of 10 cents or the actual cost
26 of verifying such signature, whichever is less. The supervisor
27 shall promptly record each valid and verified
28 petition-revocation form in the statewide voter registration
29 system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

30 (7)(6) The Department of State may adopt rules in
31 accordance with s. 120.54 to carry out the provisions of

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1 subsections(1)-(6) ~~(1)-(5)~~.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect August 1, 2007.

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6 And the title is amended as follows:

7 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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9 and insert:

10 A bill to be entitled

11 An act relating to initiative petitions;

12 providing a short title; amending s. 100.371,

13 F.S.; requiring initiative petition forms to

14 be signed by the constitutionally required

15 distribution of electors; providing procedures

16 for revocation of a signature on a petition

17 form; providing an effective date

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