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 2   An act relating to initiative petitions;
 3   providing a short title; amending s. 100.371,
 4   F.S.; requiring initiative petition forms to be
 5   signed by the constitutionally required
 6   distribution of electors; prescribing a time
 7   period within which a signed petition form must
 8   be submitted to the supervisor of elections to
 9   be verified as valid; providing procedures for
10   revocation of a signature on a petition form;
11   providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15   Section 1. <u>This act may be cited as the "Beatrice T.</u>
16 <u>Posey Truth in Petition Act."</u>
17   Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 100.371,
18 Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsection (6) of that
19 section is renumbered as subsection (7) and amended, and a new
20 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:
21   100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on
22 ballot.--
23   (1) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative
24 shall be placed on the ballot for the general election,
25 provided the initiative <u>petition</u> has been filed with the
26 Secretary of State no later than February 1 of the year the
27 general election is held. A petition shall be deemed to be
28 filed with the Secretary of State upon the date the secretary
29 determines that <u>valid and verified</u> <s>the</s> petition <u>forms have</u> <s>has</s>
30 been signed by the constitutionally required number <u>and</u>
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1 | distribution of electors under this code, subject to the right
2 | of revocation established in this section.

3 | (3) Each signature shall be dated by the elector when
4 | made and shall be valid for a period of 4 years following such
5 | date, provided all other requirements of law are met. The
6 | sponsor shall submit signed and dated forms to the appropriate
7 | supervisor of elections for verification as to the number of
8 | registered electors whose valid signatures appear thereon. The
9 | supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures upon payment
10 | of the fee required by s. 99.097. The supervisor shall verify
11 | that the signature on a form is valid only if the date the
12 | elector signed the form, as recorded by the elector, is no
13 | more than 30 days before the date the form is received by the
14 | supervisor of elections. The supervisor shall promptly record
15 | each valid signature in the statewide voter registration
16 | system, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State,
17 | the date each form is received by the supervisor, and the date
18 | the signature on the form is verified as valid. The supervisor
19 | shall retain the signature forms for at least 1 year following
20 | the election in which the issue appeared on the ballot or
21 | until the Division of Elections notifies the supervisors of
22 | elections that the committee which circulated the petition is
23 | no longer seeking to obtain ballot position.
24 | (6) An elector's signature on a petition form may be
25 | revoked, within 120 days after the verification of the
26 | petition form by the supervisor of elections, by submitting to
27 | the appropriate supervisor of elections a signed
28 | petition-revocation form adopted by rule for this purpose by
29 | the division.
30 | (b) The petition-revocation form and the manner in
31 | which signatures are obtained, submitted, and verified shall

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 1 | be subject to the same relevant requirements and timeframes as

 2 | the corresponding petition form and processes under this code

 3 | and shall be approved by the Secretary of State before any

 4 | signature on a petition-revocation form is obtained.

 5 | (c) Supervisors of elections shall provide

 6 | petition-revocation forms to the public at all main and branch

 7 | offices.

 8 | (d) The petition-revocation form shall be filed with

 9 | the supervisor of elections by February 1 preceding the next

10 | general election or, if the initiative amendment is not

11 | certified for ballot position in that election, by February 1

12 | preceding the next successive general election. The supervisor

13 | of elections shall promptly verify the signature on the

14 | petition-revocation form and process such revocation upon

15 | payment, in advance, of a fee of 10 cents or the actual cost

16 | of verifying such signature, whichever is less. The supervisor

17 | shall promptly record each valid and verified

18 | petition-revocation form in the statewide voter registration

19 | system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

20 | (7)(6) The Department of State may adopt rules in

21 | accordance with s. 120.54 to carry out the provisions of

22 | subsections(1)-(6)(1)-(5).

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

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