

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to amendments to the State
3 Constitution; providing legislative findings and
4 intent; amending s. 15.21, F.S.; requiring the
5 Secretary of State to immediately submit an initiative
6 petition to the Attorney General under certain
7 circumstances; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; revising the
8 definition of the term "petition circulator"; amending
9 and reenacting s. 99.097, F.S.; conforming provisions
10 to changes made by the act; amending s. 100.371, F.S.;
11 requiring the sponsor of an initiative petition to
12 obtain a certain letter within a specified timeframe;
13 providing that certain initiative petition signatures
14 expire and the sponsor's political committee is
15 disbanded under specified conditions; providing that
16 such sponsor is not precluded from refiling the
17 proposed amendment as a new petition; prohibiting
18 sponsors of initiative amendments from sponsoring more
19 than one such amendment; providing requirements for
20 sponsors before they obtain signatures; requiring a
21 sponsor to post a specified bond; authorizing
22 alternatives for such bond; providing requirements for
23 specified petition forms; revising requirements for a
24 person who collects or handles petitions; providing
25 requirements for a person to be registered as a

petition circulator; requiring a certain background
check to be paid for by specified persons; requiring
the Division of Elections to provide specified
notification under certain circumstances; requiring
the division to develop specified training; providing
requirements for such training; revising requirements
for petition circulator registration applications;
authorizing the division to revoke a petition
circulator's registration under certain circumstances;
prohibiting specified compensation for petition
circulators; revising the information included on the
Petition Circulator's Affidavit; providing that
certain acts by a person collecting initiative
petition forms are violations of a specified law;
providing penalties; providing that copying a
completed petition or retaining specified information
is a felony; providing and revising penalties;
revising the frequency with which petition forms must
be delivered to a supervisor of elections; prohibiting
certain acts by initiative petition sponsors and
persons collecting initiative petition forms;
providing penalties; requiring a supervisor of
elections to record the date on which each petition
form is received; requiring the division to be
notified of certain misfiled petitions; revising the

51 information required on petition forms; requiring a
52 supervisor of elections to electronically transmit
53 signature forms to the division; providing
54 requirements for such transmission; requiring a
55 supervisor of elections to retain petition forms in a
56 specified manner for a certain period of time;
57 requiring a supervisor of elections to mail certain
58 notification to specified voters; providing
59 notification requirements; requiring the division to
60 contact certain voters and provide the voters with a
61 complaint form; requiring the division to verify
62 signatures and revoke certain petitions; providing
63 construction; prohibiting certain signatures from
64 being revoked; revising the frequency with which
65 actual costs of signature verification are posted and
66 what is included in such costs; requiring a supervisor
67 of elections to notify the Office of Election Crimes
68 and Security upon a specified event; authorizing the
69 office to investigate such event and report findings
70 to certain authorities; authorizing a voter to
71 challenge ballot placement certifications in a
72 specified manner; providing requirements for such
73 challenges; revising the voting membership of the
74 Financial Impact Estimating Conference; amending s.
75 101.161, F.S.; authorizing the Legislature to define

76 and describe elements of proposed constitutional
77 amendments; amending s. 102.121, F.S.; requiring the
78 Elections Canvassing Commission to make and sign
79 separate constitutional amendment certificates;
80 providing requirements for such certificates; amending
81 s. 102.168, F.S.; providing that certification of the
82 adoption of a constitutional amendment may be
83 contested in court; providing requirements for such
84 proceedings; amending s. 104.185, F.S.; providing
85 criminal penalties for filling in missing information
86 on certain petitions; amending s. 104.186, F.S.;
87 providing a cross-reference for a specified violation
88 of law; amending s. 104.187, F.S.; increasing criminal
89 penalties for certain violations of law; creating s.
90 106.151, F.S.; defining the term "public funds";
91 prohibiting the expenditure of public funds for
92 certain purposes; providing applicability; providing
93 construction; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the
94 definition of the term "racketeering activity";
95 providing applicability; prohibiting the verification
96 of a signed petition form for a specified period of
97 time; providing construction; providing requirements
98 for the Department of State; providing that certain
99 registrations expire on a specified date; authorizing
100 a supervisor of elections to increase the cost of a

certain signature verification within a specified
timeframe; requiring such cost to be posted on a
specified website; authorizing the department to adopt
certain emergency rules; amending s. 212.055, F.S.;
conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the power to
propose an amendment to the State Constitution is reserved to
the people of Florida consistent with s. 3, Article XI of the
State Constitution. Evidence of fraud related to the process of
gathering signatures on petitions for constitutional amendments
compels the Legislature to act to protect the integrity of the
ballot, ensure a valid election process, and protect the
constitutionally provided initiative process.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to update the
reasonable regulations in place for petition circulators;
increase transparency and accountability for sponsors of
initiative petitions; and deter, prevent, and penalize
fraudulent activities related to initiative petitions.

Section 2. Section 15.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

15.21 Initiative petitions; s. 3, Art. XI, State

126 Constitution.—

127 (1) The Secretary of State shall immediately submit an
128 initiative petition to the Attorney General if the sponsor has:

129 (a) Registered as a political committee pursuant to s.
130 106.03.~~7~~

131 (b) Submitted the ballot title, substance, and text of the
132 proposed revision or amendment to the Secretary of State
133 pursuant to ss. 100.371 and 101.161.~~7~~ and

134 (c) Obtained a letter from the Division of Elections
135 confirming that the sponsor has submitted to the appropriate
136 supervisors for verification, and the supervisors have verified,
137 forms signed and dated equal to 25 percent of the number of
138 electors statewide required by s. 3, Art. XI of the State
139 Constitution in one-half of the congressional districts of the
140 state.

141 (d) Posted the bond required in s. 100.371(3).

142 (2) If the Secretary of State has submitted an initiative
143 petition to the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (1) but
144 the validity of the signatures for such initiative petition has
145 expired pursuant to s. 100.371(16)(a) ~~s. 100.371(11)(a)~~ before
146 securing ballot placement, the Secretary of State must promptly
147 notify the Attorney General. The Secretary of State may resubmit
148 the initiative petition to the Attorney General if the
149 initiative petition is later circulated for placement on the
150 ballot of a subsequent general election and the criteria under

subsection (1) are satisfied.

Section 3. Subsection (28) of section 97.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

(28) "Petition circulator" means an entity or individual who collects signatures for compensation for the purpose of qualifying a proposed constitutional amendment for ballot placement. The term includes:

(a) A person employed by the sponsor of an initiative petition who collects signatures during his or her work hours or who receives benefits for personally collecting signatures, including, but not limited to, bonuses or paid leave.

(b) A person employed by a contractor of the sponsor of an initiative petition who collects signatures during his or her work hours or who receives benefits for personally collecting signatures, including, but not limited to, bonuses or paid leave.

(c) A person employed by an affiliate organization of the sponsor of an initiative petition who collects signatures during his or her work hours or who receives benefits for personally collecting signatures, including, but not limited to, bonuses or paid leave.

Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (4) of section 99.097, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (b)

of subsection (1) of that section is reenacted, to read:

99.097 Verification of signatures on petitions.—

(1)

(b) Rules and guidelines for petition verification shall be adopted by the Department of State. Rules and guidelines for a random sample method of verification may include a requirement that petitions bear an additional number of names and signatures, not to exceed 15 percent of the names and signatures otherwise required. If the petitions do not meet such criteria or if the petitions are prescribed by s. 100.371, the use of the random sample method of verification is not available to supervisors.

(4) (a) The supervisor must be paid in advance the sum of 10 cents for each signature checked or the actual cost of checking such signature, whichever is less, by the candidate or, in the case of a petition to have a local issue placed on the ballot, by the person or organization submitting the petition. In the case of a petition to place a statewide issue on the ballot, the person or organization submitting the petition must pay the supervisor in advance the cost posted by the supervisor pursuant to s. 100.371(18) ~~s. 100.371(11) for the actual cost of checking signatures to place a statewide issue on the ballot.~~

(d) Except as provided in s. 100.371(16), petitions must be retained by the supervisors for a period of 1 year following the election for which the petitions were circulated.

201 Section 5. Section 100.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
202 to read:

203 100.371 Initiatives; procedure for placement on ballot.—

204 (1)(a) Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative
205 shall be placed on the ballot for the general election, provided
206 the initiative petition has been filed with the Secretary of
207 State no later than February 1 of the year the general election
208 is held. A petition shall be deemed to be filed with the
209 Secretary of State upon the date the secretary determines that
210 valid and verified petition forms have been signed by the
211 constitutionally required number and distribution of voters
212 ~~electors~~ under this code.

213 (b) A sponsor of an initiative petition must obtain, at
214 least every third election cycle, a letter described in s.
215 15.21(1)(c). Failure to obtain such letter results in expiration
216 of the initiative petition's signatures and disbanding of the
217 sponsor's political committee.

218 (c) Initiative petition signatures expire and the
219 sponsor's political committee is disbanded if a constitutional
220 amendment proposed by initiative submitted to the Secretary of
221 State before February 1, 2022, fails to obtain a letter
222 described in to s. 15.21(1)(c) on or before February 1, 2026.
223 This paragraph does not preclude such a sponsor from refiling
224 the proposed amendment as a new petition.

225 (2) The sponsor of an initiative amendment may not sponsor

226 more than one such amendment and shall, before ~~prior to~~
227 obtaining any signatures:~~;~~

228 (a) Register as a political committee pursuant to s.
229 106.03.

230 (b) ~~and~~ Submit the text of the proposed amendment to the
231 Secretary of State, with the form on which the signatures will
232 be affixed, and shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of
233 State of such form. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules
234 pursuant to s. 120.54 prescribing the style and requirements of
235 such form. Upon filing with the Secretary of State, the text of
236 the proposed amendment and all forms filed in connection with
237 this section must, upon request, be made available in
238 alternative formats.

239 (c) Submit an affirmation that each person collecting or
240 handling initiative petitions for compensation, or as a
241 volunteer, on behalf of the sponsor of the initiative amendment
242 has not been convicted of a felony violation, unless the person
243 collecting or handling initiative petitions has had his or her
244 right to vote restored. The sponsor of the initiative amendment
245 is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each person
246 collecting or handling initiative petitions on behalf of the
247 sponsor who has been convicted of a felony violation, unless the
248 person collecting or handling initiative petitions has had his
249 or her right to vote restored.

250 (d) Submit an affirmation that each person collecting or

251 handling initiative petitions for compensation, or as a
252 volunteer, on behalf of the sponsor of the initiative amendment
253 is a citizen of the United States. The sponsor of the initiative
254 amendment is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50,000 for each
255 person who is not a citizen of the United States and is
256 collecting or handling petitions on behalf of the sponsor.

257 (3) Upon receipt of the letter described in s.
258 15.21(1)(c), the sponsor of the initiative amendment must post a
259 \$1 million bond payable to the division. Such bond shall be
260 conditioned upon the payment of all fines that are adjudged
261 against the sponsor of the initiative amendment. In lieu of such
262 bond, the division may accept a cashier's check, official bank
263 check, or money order in the amount of the bond.

264 (4)(a) The petition form must prominently display all of
265 the following:

- 266 1. The petition number.
- 267 2. The ballot title.
- 268 3. The ballot summary.
- 269 4. A notice that the form becomes a public record upon
270 receipt by the supervisor.
- 271 5. A notice that it is a misdemeanor of the first degree
272 to knowingly sign the same initiative petition more than once.
- 273 6. A notice that the form will not be validated if all
274 requested information is not completed.

275 (b) The petition form must solicit and require all of the

following:

1. The voter's full name.

2. The voter's address and county of legal residence.

3. The voter's Florida voter registration number or date of birth.

4. The voter's Florida driver license number, the voter's Florida identification card number issued pursuant to s. 322.051, or the last four digits of the voter's social security number.

5. An attestation that the voter is a registered voter in this state and is petitioning to place the proposed amendment on the ballot.

6. The voter's signature and the date on which the voter signed the form.

(c) The petition form for a petition circulator must also include all of the following:

1. A barcode and serial number associated with the initiative petition.

2. The Petition Circulator's Affidavit with the circulator's name, permanent address, and petition circulator number.

(5)-(3) (a) A person may not collect or handle signatures or initiative petitions for compensation, or as a volunteer, unless the person is a resident of this state. A person may not collect initiative petitions for compensation unless the person is

301 registered as a petition circulator with the Secretary of State.

302 (b) A citizen may challenge a petition circulator's
303 registration under this section by filing a petition in circuit
304 court. If the court finds that the respondent is not a
305 registered petition circulator, the court may enjoin the
306 respondent from collecting signatures or initiative petitions
307 for compensation until she or he is lawfully registered.

308 (c)(4) In order for a person to be registered as a
309 petition circulator, the person must submit an application for
310 registration and a criminal background check to the division and
311 complete the required petition circulator training. The criminal
312 background check shall be paid for by the petition sponsor or
313 the applicant. If the division determines that the criminal
314 background check indicates a felony conviction, the division
315 must determine whether the applicant has had his or her right to
316 vote restored. If the applicant has not had his or her right to
317 vote restored, he or she may not be registered as a petition
318 circulator and must be notified of the reason for the denial.

319 (d) Each applicant must complete training concerning the
320 requirements for petition circulators. The training must be
321 developed by the division and must be in an electronic format
322 available via the Internet. The training must, at a minimum,
323 include all of the following:

- 324 1. An overview of the petition gathering process.
325 2. An overview of the petition circulator registration

326 requirements.

327 3. An explanation that the sponsor of an initiative
328 amendment serves as a fiduciary to each voter who signs a
329 petition.

330 4. An explanation that the Florida Election Code prohibits
331 the collection of petition forms on a per-signature basis.

332 5. The specific criminal penalties to which a petition
333 circulator may be subject for violating the Florida Election
334 Code.

335 (e) An application for registration must be submitted in
336 the format required by the Secretary of State and must include
337 the following:

338 1.~~(a)~~ The information required to be on the petition form
339 under s. 101.161, including the ballot summary and title as
340 approved by the Secretary of State.

341 2.~~(b)~~ The applicant's name, permanent address, temporary
342 address, if applicable, and date of birth.

343 3. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver
344 license number or current and valid Florida identification card
345 number and the last four digits of the applicant's social
346 security number.

347 ~~(c) An address in this state at which the applicant will~~
348 ~~accept service of process related to disputes concerning the~~
349 ~~petition process, if the applicant is not a resident of this~~
350 ~~state.~~

351 ~~(d) A statement that the applicant consents to the~~
352 ~~jurisdiction of the courts of this state in resolving disputes~~
353 ~~concerning the petition process.~~

354 4.-(e) Any information required by the Secretary of State
355 to verify the applicant's identity or address.

356 5. An attestation that the applicant has not been
357 convicted of a felony violation or, if so, has had his or her
358 right to vote restored.

359 6. An attestation that the applicant is a citizen of the
360 United States and a resident of this state.

361 (f) The division may revoke a petition circulator's
362 registration if the petition circulator violates this section.

363 (6) A sponsor of an initiative amendment may not
364 compensate a petition circulator based on the number of petition
365 forms gathered or the time within which a number of petition
366 forms is gathered. This prohibition includes, but is not limited
367 to, paying a specified amount per petition form gathered, basing
368 an hourly rate on the number of petition forms gathered over a
369 specified period of time, or providing any other benefit or form
370 of compensation based on the number of petition forms gathered.

371 (7)-(5) All petitions collected by a petition circulator
372 must contain, in a format required by the Secretary of State, a
373 completed Petition Circulator's Affidavit which includes:

374 (a) The circulator's name and ~~permanent~~ address of legal
375 residence.

376 (b) The following statement, which must be signed by the
377 circulator:

378 By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the
379 petition was signed in my presence and that I was not paid to
380 circulate or collect this petition on a per-signature basis.

381 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the
382 foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated
383 in it are true.

384 (8)~~(6)~~ The division or the supervisor of elections shall
385 make hard copy petition forms or electronic portable document
386 format petition forms available to registered petition
387 circulators. All such forms must contain information identifying
388 the petition circulator to which the forms are provided. The
389 division shall maintain a database of all registered petition
390 circulators and the petition forms assigned to each. Each
391 supervisor of elections shall provide to the division
392 information on petition forms assigned to and received from
393 petition circulators. The information must be provided in a
394 format and at times as required by the division by rule. The
395 division must update information on petition forms daily and
396 make the information publicly available.

397 (9) If a person collecting petition forms on behalf of a
398 sponsor of an initiative petition signs another person's name or
399 a fictitious name to any petition, or fills in missing
400 information on a petition, to secure a ballot position in

violation of s. 104.185(2), the sponsor of the initiative petition is liable for a fine in the amount of \$5,000 for each such petition.

(10) A person collecting or handling a petition on behalf of the sponsor of an initiative amendment who copies a completed petition or retains a voter's personal information, including the voter's Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, social security number, or signature, for any reason other than to provide such petition or information to the sponsor in compliance with this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

~~(11)-(7)~~(a) A sponsor that collects petition forms or uses a petition circulator to collect petition forms serves as a fiduciary to the voter ~~elector~~ signing the petition form, ensuring that any petition form entrusted to the petition circulator shall be promptly delivered to the supervisor ~~of elections~~ within 10 ~~30~~ days after the voter ~~elector~~ signs the form. If a petition form collected by any petition circulator is not promptly delivered to the supervisor of elections, the sponsor is liable for the following fines:

1. A fine in the amount of \$50 for each day late, up to \$2,500, for each petition form received by the supervisor in the county in which the voter resides ~~of elections~~ more than 10 ~~30~~ days after the voter ~~elector~~ signed the petition form ~~or the~~

426 ~~next business day, if the office is closed.~~ A fine in the amount
427 of \$2,500 ~~\$250~~ for each petition form received if the sponsor or
428 petition circulator acted willfully.

429 2. A fine in the amount of \$100 for each day late, up to
430 \$5,000, for each petition form collected by a sponsor or a
431 petition circulator and signed by a voter before February 1 of
432 the year in which the general election is held which is received
433 by the supervisor in the county in which the voter resides after
434 the deadline for such election. A fine in the amount of \$5,000
435 for each petition form received if the sponsor or petition
436 circulator acted willfully.

437 3.2- A fine in the amount of \$500 for each petition form
438 collected by a petition circulator which is not submitted to the
439 supervisor in the county in which the voter resides ~~of~~
440 ~~elections.~~ A fine in the amount of \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~ for any
441 petition form not submitted if the sponsor or petition
442 circulator acted willfully.

443 (b) A showing by the sponsor that the failure to deliver
444 the petition form within the required timeframe is based upon
445 force majeure or impossibility of performance is an affirmative
446 defense to a violation of this subsection. The fines described
447 in this subsection may be waived upon a showing that the failure
448 to deliver the petition form promptly is based upon force
449 majeure or impossibility of performance.

450 (12) A sponsor of an initiative petition or a person

collecting petition forms on behalf of a sponsor of an initiative petition may not mail or otherwise provide a petition form upon which any information about a voter has been filled in before it is provided to the voter. A sponsor of an initiative petition that violates this subsection is liable for a fine in the amount of \$50 for each such petition form.

~~(13)(8)~~ If the Secretary of State reasonably believes that a person or entity has committed a violation of this section, the secretary may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement. The Attorney General may institute a civil action for a violation of this section or to prevent a violation of this section. An action for relief may include a permanent or temporary injunction, a restraining order, or any other appropriate order.

~~(14)(9)~~ The division shall adopt by rule a complaint form for a voter ~~an elector~~ who claims to have had his or her signature misrepresented, forged, or not delivered to the supervisor. The division shall also adopt rules to ensure the integrity of the petition form gathering process, including rules requiring sponsors to account for all petition forms used by their agents. Such rules may require a sponsor or petition circulator to provide identification information on each petition form as determined by the department as needed to assist in the accounting of petition forms.

~~(15)(10)~~ The date on which a voter ~~an elector~~ signs a

petition form is presumed to be the date on which the petition circulator received or collected the petition form.

(16)~~(11)~~(a) An initiative petition form circulated for signature may not be bundled with or attached to any other petition. Each signature shall be dated when made and shall be valid until the next February 1 occurring in an even-numbered year for the purpose of the amendment appearing on the ballot for the general election occurring in that same year, provided all other requirements of law are met. The sponsor shall submit signed and dated forms to the supervisor of elections for the county of residence listed by the person signing the form for verification of the number of valid signatures obtained. The supervisor shall record the date on which each submitted petition form is received. If a signature on a petition is from a registered voter in another county, the supervisor shall notify the petition sponsor and the division of the misfiled petition. The supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures within 60 days after receipt of the petition forms and payment of a fee for the actual cost of signature verification incurred by the supervisor. However, for petition forms submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year, the supervisor shall promptly verify the signatures within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment of the fee for signature verification. The supervisor shall promptly record, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, the date each form

is received by the supervisor, and the date the signature on the form is verified as valid. The supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only if:

1. The form contains the original signature of the purported voter ~~elector~~.

2. The purported voter ~~elector~~ has accurately recorded on the form the date on which he or she signed the form.

3. The form sets forth the purported voter's: ~~elector's~~

a. Name. ✓

b. Address. ✓

c. City. ✓

d. County. ✓ and

e. Voter registration number or date of birth.

f. Current and valid Florida driver license number or current and valid Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the voter's social security number.

4. The purported voter ~~elector~~ is, at the time he or she signs the form and at the time the form is verified, a duly qualified and registered voter ~~elector~~ in this ~~the~~ state and the form contains an attestation that the voter is a registered voter in this state and is petitioning to place the proposed amendment on the ballot.

5. The signature was obtained legally, including that if a paid petition circulator was used, the circulator was validly registered under subsection (5) ~~(3)~~ when the signature was

526 obtained.

527
528 ~~The supervisor shall retain all signature forms, separating~~
529 ~~forms verified as valid from those deemed invalid, for at least~~
530 ~~1 year following the election for which the petition was~~
531 ~~circulated.~~

532 (b)1. On the last day of each month, or on the last day of
533 each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through
534 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor must
535 electronically transmit all signature forms to the division. The
536 digital images of the scanned signature forms must be of high
537 enough quality to be able to accurately discern all elements
538 contained in such forms, and such forms must be separated by
539 those verified as valid and those deemed invalid.

540 2. Each supervisor must retain all petition forms,
541 separating those verified as valid from those deemed invalid,
542 until all petition forms have been processed following the
543 February 1 deadline. As soon as practicable following the
544 processing of the last timely submitted petition form, but no
545 later than the March 15 following the February 1 deadline, the
546 supervisor must deliver the physical forms to the division. The
547 division shall retain all petition forms for 1 year following
548 the election for which the petition was circulated.

549 (17) When the signature on the petition form is verified
550 as valid, the supervisor shall, as soon as practicable, notify

551 the voter by mail to the mailing address on file in the Florida
552 Voter Registration System. Such notice must be sent by
553 forwardable mail with a postage prepaid, preaddressed form,
554 which may be returned to the division.

555 (a) The notice must include contact information for the
556 division, including the telephone number, facsimile number,
557 mailing address, and e-mail address, and a statement in
558 substantially the following form:

559
560 The following petition to place a proposed constitutional
561 amendment on the ballot for the next general election, bearing
562 your name and signature, has been received and verified by the
563 supervisor of elections office.

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565 ...(Insert the petition serial number, ballot title, and
566 sponsoring committee; the date on which the voter signed the
567 petition; the date on which the petition was received by the
568 supervisor of elections office; and the date on which the
569 petition was verified by the supervisor of elections.)...

570 (b)1. If the notice is being sent before January 1 of the
571 year in which the general election is held, the notice shall
572 include a statement in substantially the following form:

573
574 If you would like to revoke your signature, check the applicable
575 box and sign and send this notice to the Division of Elections.

576 The petition form in question will be invalidated and not be
577 counted toward the number of signatures required to place this
578 proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot. A returned
579 notice seeking to revoke a signature must be received by the
580 Division of Elections by January 1 of the year in which the
581 general election is held.

582
583 ☐ My signature was misrepresented or forged.

584 ☐ My signature was not misrepresented or forged, but I
585 would like to revoke my signature from this petition.

586 ...(Signature)...

587 ...(Date)...

588 2.a. Upon receipt of a completed notice under this
589 paragraph on or before January 1 of the year in which the
590 general election is held, the division shall verify the
591 signature as provided in sub-subparagraph b. and, if verified,
592 revoke the voter's petition form if one of the applicable boxes
593 is checked. The petition form is thereafter deemed invalid, and
594 the division shall adjust the totals required under paragraph
595 (18)(b) accordingly and immediately notify the applicable
596 supervisor.

597 b. The division shall promptly verify the signatures
598 within 35 days after receipt of a completed notice. However, for
599 notices submitted less than 60 days before January 1 of an even-
600 numbered year, the division shall promptly verify the signatures

within 15 days after receipt of the notice. The cost of
verifying the signatures under this subparagraph must be borne
by the division.

3.a. Upon receipt of a completed notice under this
paragraph on or after January 2 of the year in which the general
election is held, the division shall contact the voter and
explain that the revocation deadline has passed.

b. If the notice indicates that the voter believed his or
her signature was misrepresented or forged, the division shall
provide the voter with a complaint form.

(c)1. If the notice is being sent on or after January 2 of
the year in which the general election is held, the notice shall
include a statement in substantially the following form:

If your signature was misrepresented or forged on the petition,
please sign and return this notice to the Division of Elections
to initiate a complaint.

... (Signature) ...

... (Date) ...

2. Upon receipt of the completed notice under this
paragraph, the division must contact the voter and provide the
voter with a complaint form.

(d) The following disclosure must be included and
prominently displayed beneath the space for the voter's
signature on all notices:

626
627 This notice becomes a public record upon receipt by
628 the Division of Elections. It is a second degree
629 misdemeanor, punishable as provided in s. 775.082,
630 Florida Statutes, or s. 772.083, Florida Statutes, for
631 any person to knowingly make a false official
632 statement pursuant to s. 837.06, Florida Statutes.
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634 (e) A signature cannot be revoked on or after January 2 of
635 the year in which the applicable general election is held.

636 (f) This subsection may not be construed to deny the right
637 of a voter who has revoked his or her signature from signing a
638 petition after such revocation.

639 (18) (a) ~~(b)~~ Each supervisor shall post the actual cost of
640 signature verification for petition forms received more than 60
641 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year and for petition
642 forms received less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-
643 numbered year on his or her website, and may increase such cost,
644 as necessary, annually on March 1 ~~February 2 of each even-~~
645 ~~numbered year.~~ These costs include operating and personnel costs
646 associated with comparing signatures, printing or sending
647 notices to voters that their signatures have been verified, and
648 transmitting petition forms to the division. The division shall
649 also publish each county's current cost on its website. The
650 division and each supervisor shall biennially review available

651 technology aimed at reducing verification costs.

652 (b) ~~(e)~~ On the last day of each month, or on the last day
653 of each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through
654 February 1 of the following year, each supervisor shall post on
655 his or her website the total number of signatures submitted, the
656 total number of invalid signatures, the total number of
657 signatures processed, the total number of signatures revoked,
658 and the aggregate number of verified valid signatures and the
659 distribution of such signatures by congressional district for
660 each proposed amendment proposed by initiative, along with the
661 following information specific to the reporting period: the
662 total number of signed petition forms received, the total number
663 of signatures verified, the distribution of verified valid
664 signatures by congressional district, and the total number of
665 verified petition forms forwarded to the Secretary of State. For
666 any reporting period in which the percentage of petition forms
667 deemed invalid by the supervisor exceeds 10 percent of the
668 petition forms received by the supervisor for that reporting
669 period, the supervisor shall notify the Office of Election
670 Crimes and Security. The Office of Election Crimes and Security,
671 as authorized by ss. 97.012(15) and 97.022(1), shall conduct a
672 preliminary investigation and may, if warranted, report findings
673 to the statewide prosecutor or the state attorney for the
674 judicial circuit in which the alleged violation occurred for
675 prosecution.

676 (c)~~(12)~~ The Secretary of State shall determine from the
677 signatures verified by the supervisors ~~of elections~~ the total
678 number of verified valid signatures and the distribution of such
679 signatures by congressional districts, and the division shall
680 post such information on its website at the same intervals
681 specified in paragraph (b) ~~(11)(e)~~. Upon a determination that
682 the requisite number and distribution of valid signatures have
683 been obtained, the secretary shall issue a certificate of ballot
684 position for that proposed amendment and shall assign a
685 designating number pursuant to s. 101.161.

686 (d)1. Any voter may seek to challenge the certification of
687 ballot placement in the Circuit Court of Leon County on the
688 grounds that the total number of verified valid signatures and
689 the distribution thereof do not meet the requirements of the
690 State Constitution or the Florida Election Code. The sponsor of
691 a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition,
692 identified pursuant to this section, is an indispensable party
693 to any action brought under this paragraph. In any proceeding
694 under this paragraph, either party is entitled to the summary
695 procedure provided in s. 51.011, and the court shall advance the
696 cause on the calendar, subject to subparagraph 2.

697 2. Upon a showing by either party by clear and convincing
698 evidence that summary procedure is inappropriate, the court may
699 determine that summary procedure does not apply.

700 (19)~~(13)~~(a) At the same time the Secretary of State

701 submits an initiative petition to the Attorney General pursuant
702 to s. 15.21, the secretary shall submit a copy of the initiative
703 petition to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. Within
704 75 days after receipt of a proposed revision or amendment to the
705 State Constitution by initiative petition from the Secretary of
706 State, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall complete
707 an analysis and financial impact statement to be placed on the
708 ballot of the estimated increase or decrease in any revenues or
709 costs to state or local governments and the overall impact to
710 the state budget resulting from the proposed initiative. The 75-
711 day time limit is tolled when the Legislature is in session. The
712 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall submit the
713 financial impact statement to the Attorney General and Secretary
714 of State. If the initiative petition has been submitted to the
715 Financial Impact Estimating Conference but the validity of
716 signatures has expired and the initiative petition no longer
717 qualifies for ballot placement at the ensuing general election,
718 the Secretary of State must notify the Financial Impact
719 Estimating Conference. The Financial Impact Estimating
720 Conference is not required to complete an analysis and financial
721 impact statement for an initiative petition that fails to meet
722 the requirements of subsection (1) for placement on the ballot
723 before the 75-day time limit, including any tolling period,
724 expires. The initiative petition may be resubmitted to the
725 Financial Impact Estimating Conference if the initiative

petition meets the requisite criteria for a subsequent general election cycle. A new Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be established at such time as the initiative petition again satisfies the criteria in s. 15.21(1).

(b) Immediately upon receipt of a proposed revision or amendment from the Secretary of State, the coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall contact the person identified as the sponsor to request an official list of all persons authorized to speak on behalf of the named sponsor and, if there is one, the sponsoring organization at meetings held by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference. All other persons shall be deemed interested parties or proponents or opponents of the initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall provide an opportunity for any representatives of the sponsor, interested parties, proponents, or opponents of the initiative to submit information and may solicit information or analysis from any other entities or agencies, including the Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

(c) All meetings of the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall be open to the public. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, jointly, shall be the sole judge for the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this subsection.

1. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference is established to review, analyze, and estimate the financial

751 impact of amendments to or revisions of the State Constitution
752 proposed by initiative. The Financial Impact Estimating
753 Conference shall consist of three ~~four~~ principals: one person
754 from the Executive Office of the Governor; ~~the coordinator of~~
755 ~~the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, or his or her~~
756 ~~designee~~; one person from the professional staff of the Senate;
757 and one person from the professional staff of the House of
758 Representatives. Each principal shall have appropriate fiscal
759 expertise in the subject matter of the initiative. The
760 coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research,
761 or his or her designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the
762 Financial Impact Estimating Conference. A Financial Impact
763 Estimating Conference may be appointed for each initiative.

764 2. Principals of the Financial Impact Estimating
765 Conference shall reach a consensus or majority concurrence on a
766 clear and unambiguous financial impact statement, no more than
767 150 words in length, and immediately submit the statement to the
768 Attorney General. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the
769 Financial Impact Estimating Conference from setting forth a
770 range of potential impacts in the financial impact statement.
771 Any financial impact statement that a court finds not to be in
772 accordance with this section shall be remanded solely to the
773 Financial Impact Estimating Conference for redrafting. The
774 Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall redraft the
775 financial impact statement within 15 days.

776 3. If the Supreme Court has rejected the initial
777 submission by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference and no
778 redraft has been approved by the Supreme Court by 5 p.m. on the
779 75th day before the election, the following statement shall
780 appear on the ballot: "The impact of this measure, if any, has
781 not been determined at this time."

782 (d) The financial impact statement must be separately
783 contained and be set forth after the ballot summary as required
784 in s. 101.161(1).

785 1. If the financial impact statement projects a net
786 negative impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the
787 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(b).

788 2. If the financial impact statement projects a net
789 positive impact on the state budget, the ballot must include the
790 statement required by s. 101.161(1)(c).

791 3. If the financial impact statement estimates an
792 indeterminate financial impact or if the members of the
793 Financial Impact Estimating Conference are unable to agree on
794 the statement required by this subsection, the ballot must
795 include the statement required by s. 101.161(1)(d).

796 (e)1. Any financial impact statement that the Supreme
797 Court finds not to be in accordance with this subsection shall
798 be remanded solely to the Financial Impact Estimating Conference
799 for redrafting, provided the court's advisory opinion is
800 rendered at least 75 days before the election at which the

question of ratifying the amendment will be presented. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall prepare and adopt a revised financial impact statement no later than 5 p.m. on the 15th day after the date of the court's opinion.

2. If, by 5 p.m. on the 75th day before the election, the Supreme Court has not issued an advisory opinion on the initial financial impact statement prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference for an initiative amendment that otherwise meets the legal requirements for ballot placement, the financial impact statement shall be deemed approved for placement on the ballot.

3. In addition to the financial impact statement required by this subsection, the Financial Impact Estimating Conference shall draft an initiative financial information statement. The initiative financial information statement should describe in greater detail than the financial impact statement any projected increase or decrease in revenues or costs that the state or local governments would likely experience if the ballot measure were approved. If appropriate, the initiative financial information statement may include both estimated dollar amounts and a description placing the estimated dollar amounts into context. The initiative financial information statement must include both a summary of not more than 500 words and additional detailed information that includes the assumptions that were made to develop the financial impacts, workpapers, and any other

information deemed relevant by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference.

4. The Department of State shall have printed, and shall furnish to each supervisor of elections, a copy of the summary from the initiative financial information statements. The supervisors shall have the summary from the initiative financial information statements available at each polling place and at the main office of the supervisor of elections upon request.

5. The Secretary of State and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall make available on the Internet each initiative financial information statement in its entirety. In addition, each supervisor of elections whose office has a website shall post the summary from each initiative financial information statement on the website. Each supervisor shall include a copy of each summary from the initiative financial information statements and the Internet addresses for the information statements on the Secretary of State's and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research's websites in the publication or mailing required by s. 101.20.

(20)~~(14)~~ The Department of State may adopt rules in accordance with s. 120.54 to carry out the provisions of this section ~~subsections (1)-(14)~~.

(21)~~(15)~~ ~~No provision of This code does not shall be deemed to~~ prohibit a private person exercising lawful control over privately owned property, including property held open to

851 the public for the purposes of a commercial enterprise, from
852 excluding from such property persons seeking to engage in
853 activity supporting or opposing initiative amendments.

854 Section 6. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 101.161,
855 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),
856 respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is amended, and a
857 new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

858 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—

859 (1) Whenever a constitutional amendment or other public
860 measure is submitted to the vote of the people, a ballot summary
861 of such amendment or other public measure shall be printed in
862 clear and unambiguous language on the ballot after the list of
863 candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word
864 "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote
865 will indicate approval of the proposal and a "no" vote will
866 indicate rejection. The ballot summary of the amendment or other
867 public measure and the ballot title to appear on the ballot
868 shall be embodied in the constitutional revision commission
869 proposal, constitutional convention proposal, taxation and
870 budget reform commission proposal, or enabling resolution or
871 ordinance. The ballot summary of the amendment or other public
872 measure shall be an explanatory statement, not exceeding 75
873 words in length, of the chief purpose of the measure. In
874 addition, for every constitutional amendment proposed by
875 initiative, the ballot shall include, following the ballot

summary, in the following order:

(a) A separate financial impact statement concerning the measure prepared by the Financial Impact Estimating Conference in accordance with s. 100.371(19) ~~s. 100.371(13)~~.

The ballot title shall consist of a caption, not exceeding 15 words in length, by which the measure is commonly referred to or spoken of. This subsection does not apply to constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution.

(3) If the text of a constitutional amendment proposed by initiative does not define the terms of art used throughout the amendment or describe any newly created rights, requirements, prohibitions, or authorizations, the Legislature is presumed to have the authority to define such terms and describe such rights, requirements, prohibitions, or authorizations.

Section 7. Section 102.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102.121 Elections Canvassing Commission to issue certificates.—The Elections Canvassing Commission shall make and sign separate certificates of the result of the election for federal officers, ~~and~~ state officers, and constitutional amendments, which certificates shall be written and contain the total number of votes cast for and against each person for each office and the total number of votes cast for and against each constitutional amendment. The certificates, the one including

the result of the election for presidential electors and representatives to Congress, and the other including the result of the election for state officers, shall be recorded in the Department of State in a book to be kept for that purpose.

Section 8. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 102.168, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

102.168 Contest of election.—

(1) Except as provided in s. 102.171, the certification of election or nomination of any person to office, or of the adoption of a constitutional amendment or the result on any question submitted by referendum, may be contested in the circuit court by any unsuccessful candidate for such office or nomination thereto or by any voter elector qualified to vote in the election related to such candidacy or constitutional amendment, or by any taxpayer, respectively.

(2) Such contestant may ~~shall~~ file a complaint, together with the fees prescribed in chapter 28, with the clerk of the circuit court within 10 days after midnight of the date the last board responsible for certifying the results officially certifies the results of the election being contested.

(3) The complaint must ~~shall~~ set forth the grounds on which the contestant intends to establish his or her right to such office or set aside the result of the election on a ~~submitted~~ referendum or constitutional amendment. The grounds for contesting an election or a constitutional amendment under

926 | this section are:

927 | (a) Misconduct, fraud, or corruption on the part of any
928 | election official or any member of the canvassing board
929 | sufficient to change or place in doubt the result of the
930 | election.

931 | (b) Ineligibility of the successful candidate for the
932 | nomination or office in dispute or of the proposed
933 | constitutional amendment for placement on the ballot.

934 | (c) Receipt of a number of illegal votes or rejection of a
935 | number of legal votes sufficient to change or place in doubt the
936 | result of the election.

937 | (d) Proof that any voter ~~elector~~, election official, or
938 | canvassing board member was given or offered a bribe or reward
939 | in money, property, or any other thing of value for the purpose
940 | of procuring the successful candidate's nomination or election
941 | or determining the result on any question ~~submitted~~ by
942 | referendum or constitutional amendment.

943 | (4) The canvassing board responsible for canvassing the
944 | election is an indispensable party defendant in county and local
945 | elections. The Elections Canvassing Commission is an
946 | indispensable party defendant in federal, state, and multicounty
947 | elections; in elections for constitutional amendments; and in
948 | elections for justice of the Supreme Court, judge of a district
949 | court of appeal, and judge of a circuit court. The successful
950 | candidate is an indispensable party to any action brought to

951 contest the election or nomination of a candidate. The sponsor
952 of a constitutional amendment proposed by citizen initiative,
953 identified pursuant to s. 100.371, is an indispensable party to
954 any action brought to contest such election.

955 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 104.185, Florida
956 Statutes, is amended to read:

957 104.185 Petitions; knowingly signing more than once;
958 signing another person's name or a fictitious name or filling in
959 missing information.—

960 (2) A person who signs another person's name or a
961 fictitious name to any petition, or who fills in missing
962 information on a petition, to secure ballot position for a
963 candidate, a minor political party, or an issue commits a felony
964 of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
965 775.083, or s. 775.084.

966 Section 10. Section 104.186, Florida Statutes, is amended
967 to read:

968 104.186 Initiative petitions; violations.—A person who
969 compensates a petition circulator as defined in s. 97.021 based
970 on the number of petition forms gathered, as prohibited by s.
971 100.371(6), commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
972 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. This section
973 does not prohibit employment relationships that do not base
974 payment on the number of signatures collected.

975 Section 11. Section 104.187, Florida Statutes, is amended

to read:

104.187 Initiative petitions; registration.—A person who violates s. 100.371(5) ~~s. 100.371(3)~~ commits a felony of the third ~~misdemeanor of the second~~ degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 12. Section 106.151, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

106.151 Expenditures by state government relating to constitutional amendments.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "public funds" means all moneys under the jurisdiction or control of the state government.

(2) The state government or any person acting on behalf of the state government may not expend or authorize the expenditure of, and a person or group may not accept, public funds for a political advertisement or any other communication sent to electors concerning any proposed constitutional amendment or revision that is subject to a vote of the electors. This subsection applies to a communication initiated by the state government or a person acting on behalf of the state government, irrespective of whether the communication is limited to factual information or advocates for the passage or defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment or revision. This subsection does not preclude the state government or a person acting on behalf of the state government from reporting on official actions of the

1001 state government in an accurate, fair, and impartial manner;
1002 posting factual information on a government website or in
1003 printed materials; hosting and providing information at a public
1004 forum; providing factual information in response to an inquiry;
1005 or providing information as otherwise authorized or required by
1006 law.

1007 (3) With the exception of the prohibitions specified in
1008 subsection (2), this section does not preclude an elected
1009 official of the state government from expressing an opinion on
1010 any issue at any time.

1011 Section 13. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (8) of
1012 section 895.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

1013 895.02 Definitions.—As used in ss. 895.01-895.08, the
1014 term:

1015 (8) "Racketeering activity" means to commit, to attempt to
1016 commit, to conspire to commit, or to solicit, coerce, or
1017 intimidate another person to commit:

1018 (d) A violation of the Florida Election Code relating to
1019 irregularities or fraud involving issue petition activities.

1020 Section 14. This act is intended to apply prospectively to
1021 the initiative petition process. If, before the effective date
1022 of this act, a person signs a petition form, circulates petition
1023 forms, submits a petition form to a supervisor, verifies the
1024 signatures on a petition, or submits a proposed amendment, the
1025 laws in effect on the day on which such person signs the

1026 petition form, circulates petition forms, submits a petition
1027 form, verifies the signature on a petition, or submits the
1028 proposed amendment apply.

1029 Section 15. (1) To ensure uniformity and integrity in the
1030 initiative process, a signed petition form may not be verified
1031 for a period of 90 days after the effective date of this act.

1032 (2) A petition form gathered after the effective date of
1033 this act must be delivered as provided in this act to the
1034 appropriate entity. The processing hold described in subsection
1035 (1) does not toll any timeframe requirements that petition
1036 circulators are required to meet and may not be used as a
1037 defense to any fine imposed for the late submission of any
1038 petition forms to the appropriate entity.

1039 (3) A petition form gathered by a petition circulator
1040 after the effective date of this act but before his or her
1041 registration is canceled pursuant to subsection (5) must be
1042 submitted to the appropriate supervisor before such registration
1043 is canceled. A petition form gathered by a petition circulator
1044 before his or her registration is canceled and submitted after
1045 such cancellation shall be deemed invalid.

1046 (4) The Department of State shall, within 30 days after
1047 the effective date of this act, update the forms as required by
1048 the amendments made by this act to s. 100.371(4), Florida
1049 Statutes, for any proposed amendments received before the
1050 effective date of this act.

1051 (5) (a) The Department of State shall, within 30 days after
1052 the effective date of this act, make available a new petition
1053 circulator application to incorporate the amendments made by
1054 this act to s. 100.371(5), Florida Statutes.

1055 (b)1. Thirty days after the effective date of this act,
1056 the registration of each petition circulator expires.

1057 2. No later than 7 days after the effective date of this
1058 act, the Department of State shall notify each petition
1059 circulator that his or her registration is expiring and that he
1060 or she may reregister by completing a new application that will
1061 be available before the current registration expires.

1062 (c) The Department of State shall, within 30 days after
1063 the effective date of this act, develop the training required by
1064 s. 100.371(5) (d), Florida Statutes.

1065 (6) Within 90 days after the effective date of this act, a
1066 supervisor may increase the cost of signature verification
1067 pursuant to s. 100.371(18) (a), Florida Statutes. A supervisor
1068 shall post the cost of signature verification on his or her
1069 publicly available website as soon as such cost is determined.

1070 (7) The Department of State is authorized, and all
1071 conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules pursuant to
1072 s. 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing
1073 the provisions of this act relating to petition forms, notices,
1074 and petition circulator registration requirements.

1075 Notwithstanding any other law, emergency rules adopted pursuant

1076 to this subsection are effective for 6 months after adoption and
1077 may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt
1078 permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.

1079 Section 16. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1080 212.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1081 212.055 Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent;
1082 authorization and use of proceeds.—It is the legislative intent
1083 that any authorization for imposition of a discretionary sales
1084 surtax shall be published in the Florida Statutes as a
1085 subsection of this section, irrespective of the duration of the
1086 levy. Each enactment shall specify the types of counties
1087 authorized to levy; the rate or rates which may be imposed; the
1088 maximum length of time the surtax may be imposed, if any; the
1089 procedure which must be followed to secure voter approval, if
1090 required; the purpose for which the proceeds may be expended;
1091 and such other requirements as the Legislature may provide.
1092 Taxable transactions and administrative procedures shall be as
1093 provided in s. 212.054.

1094 (1) CHARTER COUNTY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
1095 SURTAX.—

1096 (c)1. The proposal to adopt a discretionary sales surtax
1097 as provided in this subsection and to create a trust fund within
1098 the county accounts shall be placed on the ballot in accordance
1099 with law and must be approved in a referendum held at a general
1100 election in accordance with subsection (10).

1101 2. If the proposal to adopt a surtax is by initiative, the
1102 petition sponsor must, at least 180 days before the proposed
1103 referendum, comply with all of the following:

1104 a. Provide a copy of the final resolution or ordinance to
1105 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
1106 Accountability. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
1107 Government Accountability shall procure a certified public
1108 accountant in accordance with subsection (11) for the
1109 performance audit.

1110 b. File the initiative petition and its required valid
1111 signatures with the supervisor of elections. The supervisor of
1112 elections shall verify signatures and retain signature forms in
1113 the same manner as required for initiatives under s. 100.371(16)
1114 ~~s. 100.371(11)~~.

1115 3. The failure of an initiative sponsor to comply with the
1116 requirements of subparagraph 2. renders any referendum held
1117 void.

1118 Section 17. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
1119 law.