

March 29, 2005

H 981. INITIATIVE. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE THE POWER OF INITIATIVE.* Amends Article XIII of NC Constitution by adding new Section 5 to allow the initiation of a referendum on proposed amendments to the constitution by petition signed by qualified voters. The number of signatures must be not less than 20% of the votes for all candidates for Governor at the last gubernatorial election. No more than 15% of the signatures may be from one congressional district. After a successful petition, proposed amendment must be submitted to voters for approval at next statewide general election to be held not less than 150 days after registration of the referendum. Amendments effective if approved by a majority of voters. Defeated referendums may not be considered again for at least five years. Proposed change to be submitted to voters at November 2006 general election, effective if approved.

Intro. by Blust.

Ref. to Rules

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