

March 22, 2007

**H 1006. INITIATIVE.** Filed 3/22/07. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE TO 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, the proposed amendment must be submitted to the voters for approval at the next statewide general election to be held not less than 150 days after certification that the petition is valid. Amendments are 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 the November 2008 general election, effective if approved.

**Intro. by Blust.**

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