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Amendments to House Bill No. 197
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Requested by Representative Bob Ebinger

For the House State Administration Committee

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1. Page 2, line 3 through line 4.
Strike: "If" on line 3 through "." on line 4
Insert: "If a recall petition is for a county commissioner in a county that is divided into commissioner districts pursuant to 7-4-2102, then at least 15% of the signatures must be from qualified electors residing in that commissioner's commission district."

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Explanation - The amendment clarifies what was intended by using "election district" language in the bill and it removes concerns about unintended consequences. In certain counties, the county is divided into commissioner districts. Commissioners must reside with the district associated with the seat on the board that the commissioner is seeking. However, all qualified electors in a county may vote for the commissioner. So, technically, these districts are not districts for the purposes of the electors, as implied by the word "election", they are residency requirements for the commissioner and are better described as "commissioner districts", which is the terminology used in section 7-4-2102 concerning the division of counties into districts.