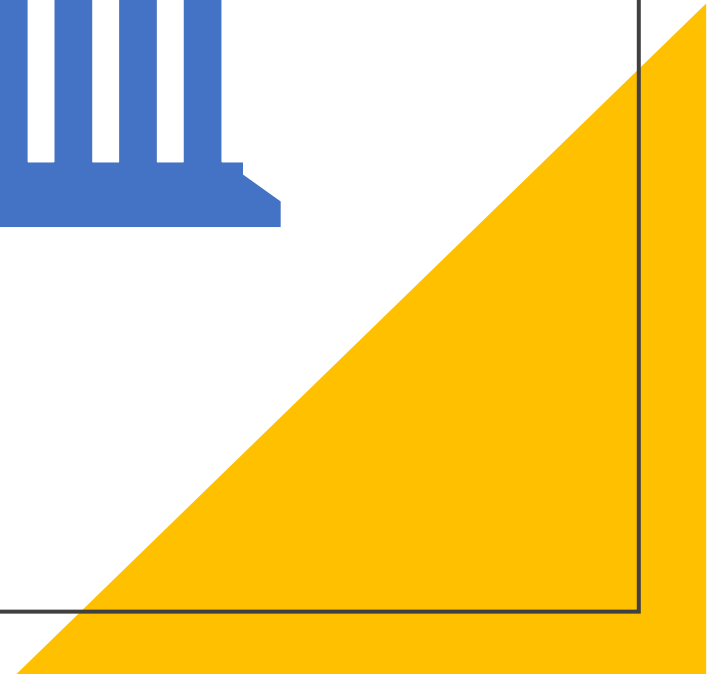


ballot initiatives

a legislative perspective



the steps in the ballot initiative process

1. proponent submits material to the SOS — 13-27-218(1)
2. SOS forwards material to LSD – 13-27-218(1)
3. LSD reviews for clarity, consistency, bill draft formatting, and other factors ordinarily considered in bill drafting, and may recommend changes to the proponent – 13-27-218(2); 13-27-225
4. Proponent submits a final version to the SOS – 13-27-218(3)
5. SOS sends the final version to the budget director and AG – 13-27-218(4)
6. AG reviews for legal sufficiency – 13-27-218(6); 13-27-226
 1. Determination of legal sufficiency or determination of legal deficiency – proponent files challenge in the supreme court - 13-27-605(1)

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7. if the initiative is determined legally sufficient by AG or Supreme Court, SOS forwards it to LSD executive director – this starts a 14 day clock – 13-27-228(1), (3)(b)

8. LSD executive director assigns the ballot initiative to the relevant interim committee – 13-27-228(1)

9. the interim committee “shall meet and hold a public hearing after receiving the information and vote to either support or not support the placement of the proposed statewide initiative text on the ballot”

13-27-228(2)

10. staff informs the SOS of the vote count – 13-27-228(3)(a)

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11. SOS sends a sample petition form to the proponent – 13-27-233

12. For constitutional initiatives, proponents try to gather signatures from 10% of the voters of 40 house districts, and 10% of the total number of qualified electors of the state – 13-27-241(1)(a); Art. XIV, Section 9(1)



what will the vote result look like?

Voters are advised that either an interim committee or an administrative committee of the legislature in accordance with [5-5-215](#) or [5-11-105](#) reviewed the content of this constitutional initiative and [did] or [did not] support the placement of the proposed text of this initiative on the ballot. The outcome of the vote was [x] in favor of placing the measure on the ballot and [x] against placing the measure on the ballot.

Motion Example: *"I move that the committee support the placement of the proposed statewide initiative text on the ballot."*

