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"Voter Protection Act" – #69

As originally introduced . . .

Revisions to Section 1 of Article V, of the Colorado Constitution:

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Colorado:

The "Voter Protection Act."

An amendment to Article V, Section 1, changing subsection (2) and adding a new subsection (11), is enacted to read as follows:

Art. V, Section 1. Subsection (2) The first power hereby reserved by the people is the initiative, and signatures by registered electors in an amount equal to at least five percent of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state at the previous general election shall be required to propose ~~any measure~~ a constitutional amendment by petition and at least three percent to propose legislation by petition, and every such petition shall include the full text of the measure so proposed. Initiative petitions for state legislation and amendments to the constitution, in such form as may be prescribed pursuant to law, shall be addressed to and filed with the secretary of state at least three months before the general election at which they are to be voted upon.

Subsection 11. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Voter Protection Act."

(b) A statute enacted by citizen initiative pursuant to this article shall not be repealed or amended by the general assembly, except by either a three-fourths vote of the members of each house, unless such statute explicitly provides that the general assembly may repeal or amend it by a majority vote of the members of each house.

(c) The general assembly may by a majority vote of the members of each house place a repeal of a statute enacted by citizen initiative or an amendment or amendments to such a statute on the ballot for a vote of the people through a statewide referendum.

(d) This section shall apply prospectively to actions of the general assembly relating to statutes enacted by citizen initiative pursuant to this article, whether the initiative statute was enacted before or is enacted after the effective date of this section.