

Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 368
SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jennifer Flynn, and I oppose SB 368, which would establish a separate-vote requirement for county charter amendments, and require the review by the county clerk, prior to starting signature gathering.

I oppose SB 368 because a separate-vote requirement for county charter amendments is unconstitutional. There is no separate-vote requirement for county charter amendments in the Oregon Constitution.

The citizen's initiative process should be as simple and easy as possible. It is not acceptable to have an unqualified county clerk determine whether or not a citizen's initiative is constitutional. This would create an additional barrier to democracy and prevent people from proposing and adopting laws, as is our right.

Please join me in opposing SB 368.

Thank you!

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