

I request you to reject SB 368.

The main arguments against SB 368 are:

A separate-vote requirement for county charter amendments is unconstitutional.

This bill is NOT to clarify existing language but constitutes a change from existing law.

County clerks currently DO NOT have authority to review charter amendments on separate vote grounds.

The citizen initiative process - including amending county charters - should be as open and unencumbered as possible, as the constitution guarantees. The people of Oregon have equal law making powers to elected officials at all levels and their ability to propose and adopt laws should be as straightforward as it is for county commissioners or state legislators.

Thank you,
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