

Suggested Initiative Process Changes

Allow proposed changes to a proposed initiative – Allow public input to the proposed initiative before the initiative title is finalized.

- Done by the initiative status email notification. Public would have 10-30 days (SOS decision) to email Chief Petitioners with amendments, suggestions or comments.
- Would NOT EXTEND the existing time frame of the initiative process.
- **Chief Petitioners would be free to accept or incorporate into the initiative any, all, some, part of some, or NONE of the feedback provided.**
- **All proposed changes would be done by the Chief Petitioners and none by SOS or AG.**

Benefits:

- Early public input on initiatives
- Initiative process is more transparent and visible to the public
- More input will likely yield better initiatives yielding better laws

Allow the SOS and AG staff to provide feedback on the initiatives.

- Includes spelling, grammar, syntax, formatting, clarifications, and anything that would make the initiative clearer and easier to understand.
- No substantive changes to the content or intent would be allowed.
- **The Chief Petitioners would be free to accept or incorporate into the initiative any, all, some, part of some, or NONE of the feedback provided.**
- **All proposed changes would be done by the Chief Petitioners and none by SOS or AG.**
- It must be clear to the Chief Petitioners that whether the suggested changes are made or not will have no effect on the processing or support by SOS or AG.
- At least Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska and Washington already do this.

Benefits:

- Improves readability of initiatives resulting in better voting decisions
- Improves quality of wording of new laws

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Require Chief Petitioners of initiatives to provide an email address, a cost estimate and a revenue source for the proposed initiative

Benefit:

- Provides easier communication with SOS, AG and the public.
- Clearly shows the cost of the initiative and where the funds come from to pay for the initiative.

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- Eliminate the Fiscal Estimating Committee (“FEC”) and transfer responsibility to LRO.
- Set the timeframe for calculating financial effect to 10 years in determining whether the message “MEASURE SPENDS MONEY WITHOUT IDENTIFYING A FUNDING SOURCE” is appropriate.
- Adjust the minimum financial effect trigger from \$100K to \$500K.

Benefits:

- The FEC doesn’t really do the estimating anyway
- Simplifies the estimating process – SOS gets the estimate(s) from LRO directly
- HB 3348 (2019) did not set a timeframe upon which the financial effect is calculated. This sets the timeframe at 10 years
- HB 3348 (2019) set the financial trigger at \$100K which means that virtually every initiative that spends any money will have the MEASURE SPENDS MONEY WITHOUT IDENTIFYING A FUNDING SOURCE message. This change sets the trigger at a more reasonable \$500K
- Better aligns the initiative process and bill process