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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR3

Like HJR 11, HJR 3 makes it even more difficult to petition the government. The huge drop in citizen-led and grassroots-driven petition drives is a direct result of politicians making the initiative process much harder. Many of the measures on the statewide ballot are referrals from the Legislature. Now under these two bills, meeting stringent signature requirements would be well-nigh impossible—by design, I might add. Ironically, HJR 3 would hamper signature-gathering efforts in both rural and urban counties.

The people's petition process is a critical check on politicians' power. Please do not further impede voters from participating in this democratic process.

Please consign both HJR 11 and HJR 3 to the trash heap.