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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HJR11

HJR 11 raises the number of signature requirements to qualify a measure to the ballot by 25% to 33% higher. For state law changes (statutory) HJR 11 raises the number of signatures by 33% (it takes it from current rule of 6% of the people voted in the last election for Governor to 8%). For Constitutional changes, HJR 11 raises it 25% (it takes it from the current law of 8% of people who voted in the last election for Governor and raises it to 10%).

The effect of this proposed amendment would be to throttle the initiative petition process, virtually eliminating this process as a valid means of qualifying measures for the ballot. There is absolutely NO good reason for increasing the number of required signatures. The obvious purpose is to hamstring the initiative petition process, thereby drastically limiting citizen involvement in and access to our legislative procedures.

Please do not vote this terrible proposed amendment out of committee.