

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2119

6 By: Ortega

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8 An Act relating to cities and towns; amending 11 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 15-103, as amended by Section 1,  
10 Chapter 41, O.S.L. 2016 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
11 15-103), which relates to initiative and referendum  
12 petitions; specifying certain qualifying election;  
13 defining term; and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 15-103, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 41, O.S.L. 2016 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
17 Section 15-103), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 15-103. A. The form of the petition for either  
19 initiative or referendum in a municipality shall be substantially as  
20 provided in Sections 1 and 2 of Title 34 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
21 A true copy of each measure proposed by initiative and referendum  
22 shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality before it is  
23 circulated and signed by the registered voters.

24 B. Every petition for either the initiative or referendum shall  
be signed by a number of the registered voters residing in the

1 municipality equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
2 total number of votes cast at the most recent preceding general  
3 municipal election or biennial town meeting if the municipality is  
4 subject to the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act. The signatures to each  
5 petition shall be verified in the manner provided by law.

6 C. Signed copies of an initiative petition shall be submitted  
7 to the clerk within ninety (90) days after the initial filing of the  
8 measure with the clerk. Signed copies of a petition invoking a  
9 referendum upon any ordinance or resolution shall be submitted to  
10 the clerk within sixty (60) days after the passage of the ordinance  
11 or resolution. Amendments to municipal charters may be proposed by  
12 an initiative petition, and signed copies of such petition shall be  
13 submitted to the clerk not less than sixty (60) days before the  
14 election at which the amendments are to be voted upon.

15 D. For the purposes of this section, "total number of votes  
16 cast" shall mean the sum of the votes cast for all candidates in the  
17 race for the highest-ranking at-large municipal office appearing on  
18 a ballot. If no such office appeared on a ballot, then "total  
19 number of votes cast" shall be determined by using the sum of votes  
20 cast for or against the municipal question or proposition receiving  
21 the largest total number of votes on a ballot, provided that all  
22 voters registered and residing within the municipal limits were  
23 eligible to vote on such question or proposition.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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