

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2119

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cities and towns; 11 O.S. 2011, Section 15-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 41, O.S.L. 2016 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 15-103), initiative and referendum petitions; specifying certain qualifying election; and providing effective date.

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

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

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

B. Every petition for either the initiative or referendum shall be signed by a number of the registered voters residing in the municipality equal to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the

1 total number of votes cast at the next preceding general municipal
2 election or biennial town meeting if the municipality is subject to
3 the Oklahoma Town Meeting Act. The signatures to each petition
4 shall be verified in the manner provided by law.

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

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