

2022 FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION PROCESS

Overview: In Florida, the people have a right to propose amendments to the Florida Constitution through an initiative petition process. This process requires a specific number of petitions to be signed by registered Florida voters before the proposed amendment by imitative can appear on the ballot.

Per the Florida Constitution, the number of signatures needed is based on 8% of the voters who cast votes in the last presidential election. In addition, the signatures must also come from voters in at least one-half of the congressional districts of the state.

Steps in the Initiative Petition Process

Register as a Political Committee

An Individual or group who wishes to propose an amendment by the initiative petition process must first register as a Political Committee with the Division of Elections.

Get Format Approval and Assignment of a Serial Number

Before signatures can be gathered, the sponsoring political committee must submit its initiative petition form to the Division of Elections. The Division of Elections only reviews the form for sufficiency of its format. Once the initiative petition is approved, the Division of elections will assign a serial number.

Submit Signed Petitions for Verification

All signed petitions are returned to the sponsoring political committee who submits them to the Supervisor of Elections’ office in the county of the signee. The cost of verification is \$.10 per form.

Florida Supreme Court Review and Fiscal Impact Statement

Once the political committee has collected 10% of the number of signatures required statewide and in at least 25% of Florida’s congressional districts, The Secretary of State will send the petitions to the Attorney General who will petition the Florida Supreme Court for an advisory opinion as to whether the text complies with the Constitution and Statutes. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference submits a financial impact statement to the Florida Supreme Court for review.

Certification of Ballot Position

If the required number of petitions state-wide and by Florida’s congressional districts has been obtained by February 1 of the year of the general election, the amendment will appear on the November ballot.

Total Petitions needed	State-wide	CD 11
Review	222,898	3,339
Ballot	891,589	33,381

Changes in SB 90

Getting even one measure before voters is time consuming and expensive. Shawn Shaw, Chairperson of all three initiatives, indicated this effort could cost as much as \$20 million combined. SB 90 limits individual contributions to ballot initiatives to \$3,000. This limit only applies during the period of time before the initiative is cleared to appear on the ballot.