

Approved 2-11-92
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by SENATOR DON SALLEE at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~ p.m. on February 4, 1992 in room 529-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~xxxx~~ or excused:

Committee staff present:

Pat Mah, Legislative Research Department
Ardan Ensley, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Clarene Wilms, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gary Reser, Governor's Legislative Liaison

Others attending: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Sallee.

The minutes of the January 28, 1992 meeting were placed before the committee for approval or correction.

Senator Bond, with a second from Senator Lee, moved approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

Gary Reser, Governor's Legislative Liaison, appeared before the committee to request introduction of a committee bill amending the constitution to allow initiative and referendum under certain conditions. The provisions of the bill were outlined in Attachment 1.

Senator Yost moved, with a second from Senator Martin to introduce the the bill. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

DATE February 4, 1992

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NAME AND ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION

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Governor's Statutory Initiative Proposal

Definitions:

The initiative process enables voters to propose or initiate a law or a constitutional amendment by filing a petition signed by a specified number of voters. This procedure may completely bypass the legislature and may not be subject to executive veto.

Allows registered voters to propose by petition and enact, laws relating to taxation and expenditures by the state and taxing subdivisions of the state

- cannot make or appeal any appropriation
- cannot contain more than one subject
- petition and proposed law form and legality will be decided by AG
- appeal process available
- petition requires Not less than 5% of total number of registered voters
- 60% of signatures shall be equally apportioned among congressional districts
- 365 day limit on signature collecting
- Secretary of State shall review signatures
- proposed law voted upon at next general election
- no more than 2 proposed laws at any single election
- requires majority vote
- if defeated, cannot again be submitted within 4 years unless signed by 25% of registered voters
- legislature retains power to amend or repeal
- legislature needs 2/3 vote to amend or repeal at first legislative session
- simple majority in subsequent sessions
- not subject to governor veto

Gary Reser
Governor's Legislative Liaison

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Attachment 1