

Appendix D

Initiatives and Ballot Referenda

Initiatives and referenda are processes that allow Nevada citizens to utilize a petition circulation process to propose new legislation, amend the Nevada Constitution or existing state statutes, or approve or disapprove existing laws. Initiatives are a device by which voters enact or amend state and local laws, including the Nevada Constitution. A referendum can only approve or disapprove a statute, resolution, or ordinance that was enacted by the State Legislature, Board of County Commissioners or City Council. Initiatives and referendums are both methods of involving voters directly in the legislative process of government.

The process and timelines are different depending on the type of petition, and they must be strictly complied with in order for the petition to succeed.

Statewide petitions filed for the 2020 election cycle require 97,598 valid signatures from registered Nevada voters, including at least 24,400 signatures from each of the [four Petition Districts](#) in Nevada (see NRS 293.127563). Petition Districts have the same geographic boundaries as Congressional Districts.

For more information: <https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/initiatives-referenda>

*Nobody will ever deprive the American people of
the right to vote except the American people
themselves and the only way they could do this is
by not voting.*

Franklin D. Roosevelt