Initiative Process Timeline

Chief Petitioner

- 1 Begin process by filing:
 - SEL 370 listing no more than three chief petitioners and designating whether circulators will be paid and
 - (e) text of the prospective initiative.

Registered Voter (steps not required)

- 7 Voter who disagrees with the constitutional requirement determination can challenge determination in Circuit Court.
 - 7th business day after the determination made if the text does not comply
 - or
 - 7th business day after ballot title was filed with county elections official if the text does
- 10 Voter who is dissatisfied with ballot title can petition Circuit Court for review.
 - 7th business day after ballot title filed
- 11 Notify County Elections Official of Circuit Court petition.
 - 5 pm 1st business day after the petition is filed with the Circuit Court

Chief Petitioner

- 12 Submit cover and signature sheets for approval.

 On any time after ballot title finalized
- 14 After receiving approval to circulate and reviewing with circulators the legal requirements and guidelines for circulating an initiative petition, begin gathering signatures.
- 15 Submit signatures for verification.
 - 2 years after approved to circulate

Local Elections Official

- 2 Date and time stamp prospective petition.
- 3 If complete and correct, assign the petition an identification number.
- 4 Review text for compliance with constitutional requirements.
- 5th business day after petition filed
- 5 Notify chief petitioners of determination.
- 6th business day after petition filed
- 6 If petition complies with constitutional requirements, forward prospective petition to District Attorney or City Attorney.
 - 6th business day after petition filed

District Attorney

- 8 Draft and file ballot title that impartially summarizes the petition and its major effect.
 - 5th business day after receipt

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- 9 Publish receipt of ballot title.
 - Use the next available edition of a newspaper of general circulation in the county which will be printed prior to deadline to file petition to review ballot title.
 - In addition, the notice may also be published on the county's web site for a minimum of 7 days.
- 13 Review cover and signature sheets, and approve petition to circulate.
- must not approve until the ballot title is final and chief petitioners have filed a Statement of Organization with the State Elections Division
- 16 Conduct signature verification.
 - 15th day after signatures submitted
- 17 Qualify petition for ballot if signature verification shows the petition contains the required number of signatures.