

Initiative Petitions for Laws:

Must be approved (enacted) by a majority roll call vote taken ***before*** the first Wednesday of May, in the form in which it was filed (no amendments are allowed) [Note: The Initiative Petition must be signed by the Governor before midnight of the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in May];

A legislative substitute may be adopted by a majority vote of each branch, by a roll call vote;

If the Legislature fails to enact the Initiative Petition for a new law, the petitioners may submit to the Secretary the signatures of at least one half of one percent of the entire vote cast for Governor at the preceding state election. The signatures must be obtained after the first Wednesday of May, and must be submitted to the Secretary between the first Wednesday of June and the first Wednesday of July of the same year. The Secretary, upon certification of the signatures, will place the Initiative Petition and any legislative substitute on the ballot for the next state election;

If either the Initiative Petition, or the Legislative substitute is approved by a majority vote, which is at least 30 percent of the total number of ballots cast at the election, then the Initiative Petition, or the Legislative substitute stand approved by the voters.