

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS/RECALL: Provides relative to recall elections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1300.2(B) and to enact R.S. 18:1300.6, relative to recall  
3 elections; to provide for the number of signatures required to call a recall election;  
4 to provide for the content of a recall petition; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1300.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1300.6  
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1300.2. Petition for recall election; campaign finance disclosure

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- 10 B.(1) All signatures on recall petitions shall be handwritten. ~~This~~
- 11 (2) The petition shall be signed by a ~~number of the electors of the voting area~~  
12 ~~as will in number equal not less than thirty-three and one-third percent of~~ percentage  
13 of the total number of ~~the total~~ electors of the voting area wherein and for which a  
14 recall election is petitioned; ~~however, where fewer than one thousand qualified~~  
15 ~~electors reside within the voting area, the petition shall be signed by not less than~~  
16 ~~forty percent of said electors~~ as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.
- 17 (3)(a) If fewer than one thousand qualified electors reside within the voting  
18 area, the petition shall be signed by at least forty percent of the electors.



Present law (R.S. 18:1300.2) provides that the number of signatures required to call a recall election is at least a certain minimum percentage of the number of electors in the voting area for which a recall election is petitioned.

Present law provides that the minimum percentage of electors who must sign the petition is 40% if fewer than 1,000 electors reside in the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the minimum percentage of electors who must sign the petition is 33-1/3 % if 1,000 or more electors reside in the district.

Proposed law repeals present law. Provides for the following minimum percentages to call a recall election in election districts wherein 1,000 or more electors reside:

- (1) 33-1/3% if 1,000 or more but fewer than 25,000 qualified electors reside within the voting area.
- (2) 25% if 25,000 or more but fewer than 100,000 qualified electors reside within the voting area.
- (3) 20% if 100,000 or more qualified electors reside within the voting area.

Proposed law additionally requires the petition to contain a clear statement of the reason or reasons for the recall.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1300.2(B); Adds R.S. 18:1300.6)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add provisions requiring the petition to contain a clear statement of the reason or reasons for the recall.