

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

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)