

CHAPTER 157

Original Senate File No. 39

PETITIONS FOR INITIATIVE

AN ACT to amend W.S. 22-24-115 relating to initiative and referendum; providing that petitions for an initiative shall be submitted for verification within eighteen months from the date petition forms are provided by the secretary of state; providing an exception; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 22-24-115 is amended to read:

22-24-115. Petitions; filing by sponsors.

(a) Petitions may be filed with the secretary of state if signed by a sufficient number of qualified registered voters as required by the Wyoming constitution. The sponsor of a petition for referendum may file the petition only within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was passed.

(b) Petitions for an initiative shall be submitted to the secretary of state for verification within the eighteen (18) month period following the date the first set of petition forms are provided to the sponsors. Any petition not submitted within the eighteen (18) month period is void for all purposes.

(c) The eighteen (18) month period set forth in subsection (b) of this section shall commence on the effective date of this act as to all petitions for an initiative that are outstanding on the effective date.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 22, 1985.