Popular Name:

AN AMENDMENT CONCERNING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INITIATED ACTS AND REFERENDUM

Ballot Title:

The General Assembly may not amend or repeal a constitutional amendment. Before a state-wide petition is circulated, the proposed measure and ballot title shall be submitted to the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall either certify, substitute or reject the ballot title. Any substitution or rejection can be immediately reviewed by the Supreme Court. The Attorney General shall deliver the certified ballot title to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall assign a popular name. The Secretary of State shall publish a notice informing the public of the procedure to challenge the certification. Any challenge shall be filed with the Supreme Court within forty-five days of the publication. No action filed later than forty-five days shall be heard. The Ballot Title for any state-wide referendum shall be the title of the Act and the name shall be the subtitle. On each petition part the canvasser shall declare that all signatures were made by a legal voter in their presence. Any vote on an emergency clause must occur at least twenty-four hours after passage of the measure. Article 5, Section 1, may only be amended by a constitutional amendment initiated by the people. Any law passed effecting the people's exercise of their right to the initiative or referendum is effective only if approved at the next general election. Any legislation enacted to restrict, hamper, impair or otherwise regulate the rights reserved to the people must serve a compelling state interest and be narrowly tailored to serve that interest. All provisions of the Constitution, statutes, and common law of this State inconsistent or in conflict with any provision of this amendment are declared null and void. If any provision or section of this amendment is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of the amendment that can be given effect without the invalid provision.