



HOUSE BILL 1083: Wilmington/Ordinance Initiative & Referendum.

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Committee: House Local Government
Introduced by: Reps. Davis, Hamilton, Catlin
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 1083 amends the Wilmington Charter to require initiative ordinance petitions to be signed by 25% of the total number of registered voters residing within the City at the time of the last regular municipal election.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S860, as introduced by Sens. Lee, Rabon, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW: The current City of Wilmington Charter authorizes proposed city ordinances to be submitted by petition to the City Council by voters in the City.

If the petition for the proposed ordinance is signed by voters of the city equal to 25% of the votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election, the council must do one of the following:

- Pass the ordinance without alteration within 20 days after certification of the accompanying petition; or
- Within 20 days after certification of the petition, call a special election to be held within six months (unless a general election is schedule within six months), for submittal of the proposed ordinance to the voters.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1083 amends the Wilmington Charter to change the requirement for initiative ordinance petitions to require 25% of the total number of registered voters residing within the City at the time of the last regular municipal election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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