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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Holtorf Sen. Sonnenberg	Bill Status:	House SCMVA
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Bill Topic:	STATUTORY INITIATIVE PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact. The bill makes conforming amendments to state law if voters approve a referred measure to change the signature requirements for citizen-initiated statutory changes. It has no fiscal impact on state or local government.
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Appropriation Summary:	No appropriation is required.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.
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Summary of Legislation

To appear on the ballot, all citizen-initiated ballot measures must collect signatures statewide equal to at least five percent of the votes cast for the office of the Secretary of State at the last election. For citizen-initiated *constitutional* changes, proponents must also collect the signatures of at least two percent of registered voters in each state senate district. House Concurrent Resolution 22-1001 refers a measure to the 2022 ballot that applies the two-percent signature requirement in each state senate district also apply for all citizen-initiated measures making *statutory* changes. If that referred measure is approved by at least 55 percent of voters, this bill makes conforming amendments to the elections code.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill makes necessary statutory changes if voters in 2022 approve a referred measure to amend the state constitution. Fiscal impacts from the new signature requirements under HCR 22-1001 are discussed in the fiscal note for that measure. These conforming amendments to the general election code do not change the expenditures, revenue, or workload of any state or local government. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

If HCR 22-1001 is approved by voters at the 2022 election, this bill takes effect on the same date. Approved ballot measures take effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

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