

Initiative Petition

State of Nevada

The People of the State of Nevada do enact as follows:

Explanation: Language in **boldface italics** is to be added to The Nevada Constitution; language between brackets [~~deleted language~~] is to be deleted.

Article 2 Section 5 of The Constitution of Nevada is amended to read:

Voting by *secret* ballot; voting in elections by legislature.

1. ~~[All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and]~~ ***The right of individuals to vote by secret ballot is fundamental. Where local, state, or federal law permits or requires elections for public office and ballot measures, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed.***

2. ~~[a]~~ All elections by the Legislature, or by either branch thereof shall be "Viva-Voce".

DESCRIPTION OF EFFECT

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AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

(TO BE SIGNED BY CIRCULATOR)

STATE OF NEVADA)
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I, _____, (print name), being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury, depose and say (1) that I reside at _____ (print street, city and state); (2) that I am 18 years of age or older; (3) that I personally circulated this document; (4) that all signatures were affixed in my presence; (5) that I believe each person who signed was at the time of signing a registered voter in the county of his residence; (6) that the number of signatures affixed thereon is _____ and (7) that each person who signed had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the initiative or resolution on which the initiative or referendum is demanded.

Signature of Circulator

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this

_____ day of _____ by _____

Notary Public or person to administer oath

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