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Bill Analysis

SB 1027 requires each initiative petition gist to explain in basic words the effects of the proposition. No gist shall contain any words which have a special meaning for a particular profession or trade as well as any euphemisms, words, or phrases regarded in popular parlance as code words. Each gist shall be neutral in its description and shall not contain any argument for or against the measure. The gist shall also indicate whether a proposed measure will have a fiscal impact on the state. Each gist shall be accompanied by a statement that provides notice that the copy of the petition is a public record subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The measure directs the Secretary of State to affirm that any gist conforms with these requirements. The Secretary is authorized to remove any gist that violates the requirements and to direct the proponents of the petition to submit a new gist.

The measure requires any person circulating a petition to be a registered voter in the state and to display whether he or she is being paid to circulate the petition. Any person receiving payment shall submit a report to the Secretary of State that details such expenditures and that attests that all donated funds were received from sources in this state. The total number of signatures collected from a single county as it pertains to amending statutes shall not exceed 11.5% of the number of votes cast in that county during the most recent statewide general election for Governor. The total number of signatures collected from a single county as it pertains to amending the Oklahoma Constitution shall not exceed 20.8% of the number of votes cast in that county during the most recent statewide general election for Governor.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 1027 adds language relating to the Secretary of State requesting a new gist of the submitted gist does not meet the requirements of the measure, modifies the signature requirements as compared to the engrossed version, and adds a severability clause.

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