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INITIATIVE PETITION

Amendment to the Constitution

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To be submitted directly to the electors

Amendment

TITLE: The Ohio Recall Provision Amendment

SUMMARY

The United States of America was formed around the principle of the consent of the governed. The term implies that the people of a country or state have the right of self-rule and must consent, either in a direct referendum or through elected representatives, to the establishment of their own government. Due to the length of political and non-political office terms, elected officials may lose the consent of the governed before their term expires. This initiative would:

1. Provide a new mechanism to remove all county prosecutors, court of common pleas judges, all state legislators, all state officers, including the governor, appellate judges, and all Ohio supreme court justices from office before their term expires.
2. Provide for an annual vote of confidence for the aforementioned officeholders during primary elections.
3. Require that officeholders shall be removed from office if more electors have no confidence in the officeholder than are confident and the number of electors having no confidence in an officeholder exceeds the number of electors that officeholder received in their last general or special election.

The Amendment would **not**:

1. Create any new procedures or law of how legislators are replaced if removed from office before their term expires.
2. Require electors to gather signatures and submit petitions to remove officeholders.

COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

The following persons are designated as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation:

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NOTICE

Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once: except as provided in section 3051.382 of the Revised Code, signs a name other than one's own on this petition; or sign this petition when not a qualified voter, is liable to prosecution.

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FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Ohio: That the Constitution of the State of Ohio be amended by adopting this Article to read as follows:

Recall Provision

The elected serve by the consent of the governed. It is important that when the elected no longer have the consent of the governed that they are removed from office as expeditiously as possible.

Annually, all county prosecutors, court of common pleas judges, all state legislators, all state officers, including the governor, appellate judges, and all Ohio supreme court justices shall be subject to an annual vote of confidence on all primary ballots respective to their districts. There shall only be two choices on the ballot for each officeholder for a vote of confidence. Choice one: confident. Choice two: no confidence.

If the number of electors having no confidence in an officeholder exceeds the number of electors that are confident in the officeholder, and exceeds the number of electors that officeholder received in their last general or special election, or if the officeholder was appointed, exceeds the amount their predecessor received in their last general or special election, they shall be removed from office.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of _____ electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite of each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to the section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with the knowledge of the contents of the same. I am employed to circulate this petition

by _____

(Name and address of employer.) (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code ***if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.***)

I further declare under penalty of election falsification in accordance with section 3501.38 of the Revised Code that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

Signature of Circulator

Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state. House Number and Street, Road or Rural Rt.

City, Village or Township.

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**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS
GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**