

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
STATE CONSTITUTION**

TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1956

OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4

**INCREASING SIGNATURES: INITIATIVE
AND REFERENDUM**

Shall a new section be added to Article II of the Constitution which will supersede requirements specified in Section 1 thereof by providing that the valid signatures of eight per centum of the number of registered voters voting for Governor in the last election shall be necessary to certify an initiative and that four per centum shall be necessary to certify a referendum of an act of the Legislature?

Be It Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington in legislative session assembled:

THAT, At the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1956, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Washington, by adding to Article II thereof a new section, reading as follows:

Hereafter, the number of valid signatures of legal voters required upon a petition for an initiative measure shall be equal to eight per centum of the number of voters registered and voting for the office of governor at the last preceding regular gubernatorial election. Hereafter, the number of valid signatures of legal voters required upon a petition for a referendum of an act of the legislature or

any part thereof, shall be equal to four per centum of the number of voters registered and voting for the office of governor at the last preceding regular gubernatorial election. These provisions supersede the requirements specified in section 1 of this article as amended by the seventh amendment to the Constitution of this state.

And Be It Further Resolved, That the Secretary of State shall cause the foregoing amendment to be published for at least three months next preceding the election in a weekly newspaper in every county wherein a newspaper is published throughout the state.

Passed the Senate January 27, 1955.

EMMETT T. ANDERSON,
President of the Senate.

Passed the House February 24, 1955.

JOHN L. O'BRIEN,
Speaker of the House.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 1, 1955.

EARL COE,
Secretary of State.