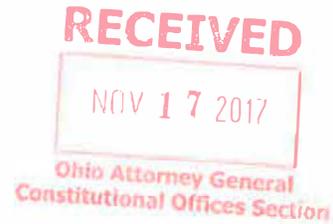


November 17, 2017

Attorney General, Mike DeWine  
Constitutional Offices  
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Columbus, Ohio



RE: Submission of petitions for state constitutional amendment

**Title: The Initiative and Referendum Amendment for Counties and Townships**

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To the Attorney General of Ohio: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3519.01(A), the undersigned electors of the State of Ohio, numbering in excess of one thousand, hereby submit to you the full text of a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution and a summary of the same.

**INITIATIVE PETITION**  
**Amendment to the Constitution Proposed by Initiative Petition**  
**To be submitted directly to the electors**

**Amendment**

TITLE: The Initiative and Referendum Amendment for Counties and Townships

**Summary**

**This amendment establishes a right of initiative and referendum powers to residents of counties and townships, just as residents in Ohio municipalities have possessed since 1912.**

**Certification of the Attorney General**

**This certification of the Attorney General, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §3519.01(A), will be inserted when it is provided. This initial petition must be submitted with at least one thousand (1,000) valid signatures of Ohio electors before the Attorney General will issue that certification.**

**Committee to Represent the Petitioners**

**The following people are designated as the committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to the petition or its circulation: Lisa A. Kochheiser, 1045 Varsity West, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402; Carolyn E. Harding, 156 N. Roosevelt Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43209; Katharine S. Jones, 2606 Hidden Spring Lane, Wadsworth, Ohio 44281; Susan L. Beiersdorfer, 359 Bradley Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44504; Gwen B. Fischer, 6793 Cheryl Drive, Hiram Ohio 44234**

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**FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT**

**Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Ohio**

In the constitution of the state of Ohio, add section 23 to Article I as follows:

Section 23. Right of Initiative and Referendum for People in Counties and Townships

The people have the right of initiative and referendum, and initiative and referendum powers are hereby reserved to the people of each county and township, with such powers to be exercised in the manner now or hereafter provided by law.

**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 each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with 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 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.

Katherine L Jones  
Signature of Circulator

2606 Hidden Spring Lane, Woodworth, OH 44281  
(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state)

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

**RETURN COMPLETED PETITIONS TO**  
Ohio Community Rights, P.O. Box 470123, BHTS, OH 44147