

HB 1761 -- Initiative and Referendum Petitions

Sponsor: Storch

This bill changes the laws regarding initiative and referendum petitions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires petition circulators to be residents of Missouri;
- (2) Prohibits individuals who have been convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to a forgery offense from serving as petition circulators;
- (3) Prohibits petition circulators from being compensated based on the number of signatures collected; and
- (4) Increases the penalty for knowingly signing a name other than one's own to a petition from a class A misdemeanor to a felony that is punishable by up to five years in prison or a fine not less than \$2,500 or greater than \$10,000.