

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 109 (CI-109)

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A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

CI-109 would amend Article III, Section 4, of the Montana Constitution to provide that the people reserve to themselves the power to repeal or amend all laws passed by initiative. Under CI-109, a law passed by initiative may only be amended or repealed by the Legislature in two circumstances: (1) if the original initiative law permits amendment or repeal without voter approval; or (2) if the Legislature passes a new law amending or repealing the initiative, and the new law becomes effective only upon voter approval. The Legislature may not otherwise amend or repeal an initiative.

- FOR amending Article III, Section 4, of the Montana Constitution to reserve to the people the power to amend or repeal laws passed by initiative.

- AGAINST amending Article III, Section 4, of the Montana Constitution to reserve to the people the power to amend or repeal laws passed by initiative.

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 109 (CI-109)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article III, section 4, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

“Section 4. Initiative. (1) The people may enact laws by initiative on all matters except appropriations of money and local or special laws.

(2) Initiative petitions must contain the full text of the proposed measure, shall be signed by at least five percent of the qualified electors in each of at least one-half of the counties and the total number of signers must be at least five percent of the total qualified electors of the state. Petitions shall be filed with the secretary of state at least three months prior to the election at which the measure will be voted upon.

(3) The sufficiency of the initiative petition shall not be questioned after the election is held.

(4) The people reserve to themselves the powers to repeal or amend all laws passed by initiative.

(5) The legislature may not amend or repeal an initiative statute except by another statute that becomes effective only when approved by the electors unless the initiative statute permits amendment or repeal without the approval of the electorate.”