

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTIONS/RECALL: Provides relative to recall elections

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1300.2(B), relative to recall elections; to provide for the
3 number of signatures required to call a recall election; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 18:1300.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1300.2. Petition for recall election; campaign finance disclosure

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9 B.(1) All signatures on recall petitions shall be handwritten. ~~This~~

10 (2) The petition shall be signed by a ~~number of the electors of the voting area~~
11 ~~as will in number equal not less than thirty-three and one-third percent of percentage~~
12 ~~of the total number of the total electors of the voting area wherein and for which a~~
13 ~~recall election is petitioned; however, where fewer than one thousand qualified~~
14 ~~electors reside within the voting area, the petition shall be signed by not less than~~
15 ~~forty percent of said electors~~ as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

16 (3)(a) If fewer than one thousand qualified electors reside within the voting
17 area, the petition shall be signed by at least forty percent of the electors.

18 (b) If one thousand or more but fewer than twenty-five thousand qualified
19 electors reside within the voting area, the petition shall be signed by at least thirty-
20 three and one-third percent of the electors.

Proposed law repeals present law. Provides for the following minimum percentages to call a recall election in election districts wherein 1,000 or more electors reside:

- (1) 33-1/3% if 1,000 or more but fewer than 25,000 qualified electors reside within the voting area.
- (2) 25% if 25,000 or more but fewer than 100,000 qualified electors reside within the voting area.
- (3) 20% if 100,000 or more qualified electors reside within the voting area.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 18:1300.2(B))