

REFERENDUM

Section 2.10. Referendum.

The people reserve to themselves the power of referendum. Any law enacted by the General Assembly may be petitioned to referendum except laws for legislative apportionment and districting, or congressional districting, or imposing a tax, or making an appropriation for the state government or any public institution.

Section 2.11. Manner of Referral.

A law, other than a law applicable in only one county, shall be referred to a vote of the people after a petition has been signed by a number of qualified voters equal to at least five per cent of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. Not more than one-half of the required number of signatures shall be those of qualified voters residing in any one county. If the total number of required signatures is filed with the governor within sixty days after the bill becomes law, it shall be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election held not less than four months after the bill becomes law.

Section 2.12. Suspension.

A law enacted by the General Assembly subject to referendum shall be suspendible unless it is passed by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of each house and contains a section declaring it to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety. If one-half the required signatures are filed during the thirty days after a bill becomes law, the law, if suspendible, shall be suspended thereby through the sixtieth day after it became law. If the remaining required signatures are filed by that sixtieth day, the law shall continue to be suspended.

Section 2.13. Effect of Referendum.

A referred law shall be repealed thirty days after it has been rejected by a majority of those voting on it if the number voting