

CHAPTER 131

INITIATED MEASURES
SUBMISSION CLAUSES—TITLES

(S. B. No. 141, by Senator Andrew)

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE TITLES, SUBMISSION CLAUSES AND
BALLOT TITLES OF ALL INITIATIVE PETITIONS OF
PROPOSED LAWS TO BE ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE
AND PROVIDING LIMITATIONS OF TIME IN CONNEC-
TION THEREWITH.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. That on and after the passage of this act, the original draft of all initiative petitions for proposed laws to be enacted by the people shall, before they are signed by the electors or any of them, be submitted with a copy thereof to the Secretary of State without any title thereto, submission clause or ballot title, providing the designation for or against which the voters shall express their choice for or against said proposed law; that within three days after such submission, the Secretary of State shall call to his assistance the Attorney General and the Reporter of the Supreme Court, the three of which, a majority controlling, shall, within five days thereafter, designate and fix a proper and fair title for said proposed law; also its ballot title and submission clause, which shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the act, and immediately thereafter deliver the same with the original to the parties presenting it, keeping the copy with a record of their actions

Initiative
petitions to be
submitted

Title and sub-
mission clause

thereon. If any person or persons presenting such initiative petition are not satisfied with the titles and submission clause thus provided and claim them to be unfair or that they do not fairly express the true meaning and intent of the proposed act, they may, within forty-eight hours after its return, file a motion with the Secretary of State for a rehearing, which shall be passed upon within forty-eight hours thereafter, and if overruled, upon request a certified copy of said petition with the titles and submission clause thus provided, the motion for a rehearing and a record of the ruling thereon shall be furnished them by the Secretary of State and if filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court within five days thereafter shall be docketed as a cause there pending, which shall be placed at the head of the calendar and disposed of summarily, either affirming the action of said board or reversing it, in which case the court shall remand it with instructions, pointing out wherein said board is in error.

Motion for
rehearing

Appeal to
Supreme Court

Fees

Section 2. The Secretary of State shall be allowed the same fees for certifying said record as now provided by law for certified copies of other papers. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall receive one-half the ordinary docket fee for docketing said cause. All of which shall be paid by the parties desiring said review.

Petition, when
without force
or effect

Section 3. No petition for any initiative measures shall be circulated nor any signature thereto have any force or effect which has been signed before the titles and submission clauses have been added in the manner herein provided. No petition for any initiative measure shall be of any force or effect unless filed with the Secretary of State (as provided for by the constitution) within six months from the date that the titles and submission clauses have been provided therefor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

Repealing
clause

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved: March 31, 1919.