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H 47. INITIATIVE. Filed 2/3/09. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE TO THE PEOPLE THE POWER OF INITIATIVE.*

Subject to approval by the voters at the statewide general election in November 2010, enacts a new Section 5 to Article XIII of the North Carolina Constitution, effective upon certification by the Board of Elections (Board) to the Secretary of State, to allow the people to initiate a referendum on proposed amendments to the Constitution by presenting a petition to the Board that meets the following requirements: (1) is presented within one year of registration of the petition, which must be submitted prior to circulation with the Secretary of State; (2) sets forth the proposed text of the amendment; (3) is certified to have been signed by qualified voters in a number that meets a minimum of 20% of the votes for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election; (4) is not signed by more than 15% of voters from any one congressional district; and (5) asks that it be submitted to qualified voters. Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to voters, effective dates, implementation, and unseverability of this entire Section. Sets forth a restriction on challenging this Section and prohibits reconsideration of a defeated initiative for five years from that election.

Intro. by Blust.

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