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NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 295.095, 295.105, 295.205, 295.210 (amended).
AB 717 (Committee on Government Affairs); 1989 STAT. Ch. 557

Under existing law, a county or city initiative¹ or referendum² is commenced when five registered voters file an affidavit agreeing to assume responsibility for circulating the petition.³ Chapter 557 requires petitions for county and city initiatives and referendums to be submitted no later than 180 days after the affidavit has been filed.⁴ A signature on the petition must be followed by the date the petition was signed.⁵ In addition, Chapter 557 permits the verification of signatures on a city initiative or referendum petition by a random sampling.⁶

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1. See NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 295.085 1 (1987) (power to undertake a county initiative); 295.200 1 (1987) (power to undertake a city initiative).

2. See *id.* §§ 295.085 2 (1987) (power to undertake county referendum); 295.200 2 (1987) (power to undertake city referendum).

3. *Id.* §§ 295.095 (1987) (amended by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 557, sec. 1, at ___) (proceedings for county initiatives and referendums); 295.205 (1987) (amended by 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 557, sec. 3, at ___) (proceedings for municipal initiatives and referendums).

4. 1989 Nev. Stat. ch. 557, sec. 1, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 295.095) (filing petition with county clerk); sec. 3, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 295.205) (filing petition with city clerk).

5. See *id.* sec. 1, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 295.095) (signatures on county petitions must be procured within the 150 day time limit); sec. 3, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 295.205) (signatures on city petitions must be procured within the 150 day limit).

6. *Id.* sec 4, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 295.210). To verify the signatures by a random sampling, the petition must include more than 500 names; the greater of at least 500 names or 5 percent of the names on the petition must be sampled. *Id.*