

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: April 15, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HJR 1

Specific Issue: Requiring 60% voter approval for amendments.

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

Will your testimony be written, spoken, or both? Written

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

This constitutional amendment will certainly affect current and future signature gathering. It will be even more difficult for citizens to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot for voters to decide.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online.

Please do not approve this attack on democracy. It is difficult enough to collect the necessary signatures to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot. Then, if you increase the threshold to 60% of the electorate, you are making it even more difficult to get the Ohio State Constitution amended. We are a democracy. 50% of the voters should be adequate to make a change in the document that governs all of us.

The State Constitution should be a document that reflects the will of the people. The needs of the residents of this state change often, especially in this world that relies so much on technology. If half the voters say Yes, that is should be good enough to amend the Constitution.