

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 306

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO INITIATIVES; AMENDING SECTION 34-1802, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
2 PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TIME FOR GATHERING AND SUBMITTING SIGNATURES;
3 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-1802, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-1802. INITIATIVE PETITIONS -- TIME FOR GATHERING SIGNATURES --
9 TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF SIGNATURES TO THE COUNTY CLERK -- TIME FOR FILING. (1)
10 Except as provided in section 34-1804, Idaho Code, petitions for an initia-
11 tive shall be circulated and signatures obtained beginning upon the date
12 that the petitioners receive the official ballot title from the secretary
13 of state and extending ~~eighteen (18) months~~ two hundred seventy (270) days
14 from that date or April 30 of the year of the next general election, whichever
15 occurs earlier. The last day for circulating petitions and obtaining signa-
16 tures shall be the last day of April in the year an election on the initiative
17 will be held.

18 (2) The person or persons or organization or organizations under whose
19 authority the measure is to be initiated shall submit the petitions contain-
20 ing signatures to the county clerk for verification pursuant to the provi-
21 sions of section 34-1807, Idaho Code. The signatures required shall be sub-
22 mitted to the county clerk not later than the close of business on the first
23 day of May in the year an election on the initiative will be held, or ~~eighteen~~
24 ~~(18) months~~ two hundred seventy (270) days from the date the petitioner re-
25 ceives the official ballot title from the secretary of state, whichever is
26 earlier.

27 (3) The county clerk shall, within sixty (60) calendar days of the dead-
28 line for the submission of the signatures, verify the signatures contained
29 in the petitions, but in no event shall the time extend beyond the last day of
30 June in the year an election on the initiative will be held.

31 (4) Initiative petitions with the requisite number of signatures at-
32 tached shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four (4)
33 months before the election at which they are to be voted upon.

34 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
35 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
36 passage and approval.