



# 2024 City of Dallas Charter Review Commission

## Proposed Amendment #55

<b>Submitted by:</b> Albert Mata	<b>Location:</b> Chapter XVIII, Sec. 11	<b>Category:</b> Operational
<b>CHAPTER XVI, SEC. 11. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM OF ORDINANCES.</b>		
<p>(1) A committee of at least five registered voters of the City of Dallas must make application to the city secretary and file an intention to circulate a petition, giving the date and the proposed ordinance to be circulated. Unless the final petition, with the required number of signatures is returned within 120 days from this date, it will not be received for any purpose</p> <p>(2) The petition must contain the names of a number of qualified voters in the city equal to the number of voters in the most recent citywide election for city council, as appears in the county election results.</p>		
<b>Rationale:</b> Improve the process by which citizens may petition their government, and effectuate change. The current process is too high of a hurdle for many grassroots level groups to influence change. Provide for a increase in direct democracy, which is good. Tying the amount of signatures needed to match the amount that voted for council in the last cycle means that citizen initiatives must at least match the "legitimacy" of the current council.		