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SYNOPSIS
Changes signature requirement for recall petition.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT changing the signature requirement for a recall petition and

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. Section 5 of P.L.1995, c.105 (C.19:27A-5) is amended to
read as follows:
5. A recall petition demanding that an election be held for the
purpose of deciding whether an elected official shall be recalled
from office shall be signed by a number of registered voters of the
jurisdiction of the official sought to be recalled equal to at least
25% of the [persons registered to vote] number of voters who
voted in that jurisdiction on the date of the general election
preceding the date on which the sponsors of the petition file a notice
of intention pursuant to section 6 of this act. A recall petition shall
be filed with the appropriate recall election official. No recall
petition shall demand the holding of an election to recall more than
one elected official.
(cf: P.L.1995, c.105, s.5)

2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment but
remain inoperative until an amendment permitting the change in the
type of signatures required on a recall petition becomes part of the
New Jersey Constitution.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the Uniform Recall Election Law. It reduces
the petition signature threshold for recalling an elected official from
25% of the registered voters to 25% of the number of voters who
voted at the last general election.

This change would apply only if an amendment to the New
Jersey Constitution is approved by the voters to permit the same
change in the recall petition signature requirement.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.