

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: June 9, 2023

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Examine the attempts that have been made to undermine the citizen-led ballot initiative process

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

By conducting this interim study it will serve multiple objectives. Firstly, it will raise awareness among lawmakers and citizens alike about the challenges facing the ballot initiative process in Oklahoma.

Secondly, this study will encourage citizen engagement in the preservation of their democratic rights. It will provide a platform for concerned citizens to voice their opinions, share their experiences, and contribute valuable insights on how to protect and strengthen the ballot initiative process.

Lastly, through this interim study, we aim to develop robust strategies that can effectively shield direct democracy in Oklahoma from undue interference or dilution. By examining best practices from other jurisdictions, consulting with legal experts and constitutional scholars, and seeking input from stakeholders, we can formulate concrete recommendations and enact meaningful reforms to safeguard the citizen-led ballot initiative process

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