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2 **BY AUTHORITY**

3 ORDINANCE NO.  
4 SERIES OF 2022

COUNCIL BILL NO. 22-0876  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Finance and Governance

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7 **A BILL**

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9 **For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the registered electors of the City and**  
10 **County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with**  
11 **the coordinated election on November 8, 2022, a proposed amendment to the**  
12 **Charter of the City and County of Denver concerning signature requirements for**  
13 **initiated ordinances and referenda.**

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15 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

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17 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the registered electors of the City and County of  
18 Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be conducted at the same  
19 time and in conjunction with the coordinated election to be held in the City and County of Denver  
20 on November 8, 2022, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and County of Denver,  
21 as follows:

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23 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with**  
24 **the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following section of the**  
25 **Charter of the City and County of Denver is amended to read as follows:**

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27 **§ 8.3.1 - Rights of initiative, referendum and recall reserved to the people.**

28 (B) An ordinance may be initiated by petition of registered electors numbering at a  
29 minimum two (2) percent of the total number of active registered electors as of January 1 each  
30 odd-numbered year. The petition shall be signed by registered electors who reside in each council  
31 district in an amount equal to four hundredths (0.04) of a percent of the total number of active  
32 registered electors of the City and County of Denver as of January 1 each odd-numbered year.  
33 For purposes of this section, the number and boundaries of the council districts shall be those in  
34 effect at the time the form of the petition has been approved for circulation as provided by law.

35 (C) An enacted ordinance may be referred by petition of registered electors numbering

1 at a minimum two (2) percent of the total number of active registered electors as of January 1  
2 each odd-numbered year. The petition shall be signed by registered electors who reside in each  
3 council district in an amount equal to four hundredths (0.04) of a percent of the total number of  
4 active registered electors of the City and County of Denver as of January 1 each odd-numbered  
5 year. For purposes of this section, the number and boundaries of the council districts shall be  
6 those in effect at the time the form of the petition has been approved for circulation as provided  
7 by law.

8 **Section 2.** The ballot shall contain the following title and submission clause:

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10 **REFERRED QUESTION \_\_\_\_\_**

11 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to require that any petition  
12 for a citizen-initiated ordinance or referendum contain signatures from voters who reside in each  
13 of the eleven City Council districts?

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15 **Section 3.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver as are charged with duties  
16 relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and  
17 publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things  
18 in connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City  
19 and County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of  
20 Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

21 **Section 4.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results  
22 ascertained, determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution  
23 and laws of the State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of  
24 Denver.

25 **Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or other portion of this ordinance is held to  
26 be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance  
27 shall not be affected.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

6 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_

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12 PREPARED BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: July 22, 2022

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14 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the  
15 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed  
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §  
17 3.2.6 of the Charter.  
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19 Kristin Bronson, City Attorney

20 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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