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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: July 26, 2022

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: August 2, 2022

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

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____; _____

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

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

18 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: Aug 4, 2022

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