

Proposed Conceptual Amendment for Senate Bill 450
Proposed by Senator James Ohrenschall
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Additions to Senate Bill 450:

1. In the event of a recall, if the elected official is in the midst of a fundraising blackout period that blackout period will be lifted for the duration of the recall and any special election that might result from a recall.
2. During the petition-gathering phase of the recalls, recall proponents must submit all signatures collected during the first half of the petition collecting phase 45 days into the 90 day signature collection period.
3. A recall committee will be subject to campaign finance reporting 45 days into the 90 day signature collection period and again at the end of the 90 day signature collection period.
4. If there is a recall effort against a statewide elected official, a 25 percent sampling verification of signatures will be used to determine the sufficiency of the petition.
5. Recall proponents must place their statement of reasons for the recall on every signature page, much like initiative petition proponents must do with their 200-word description of effect.
6. Registrars may charge for staff time as part of the costs chargeable to recall proponents.
7. Notice of intent must be signed by three registered voters who actually voted in the state or the county, district or municipality electing the officer in the election at which the public officer was elected and if the officer was elected to a county, district or municipal office, currently reside in the county, district, municipality or portion thereof that the public officer represents.
8. Revise Section 17 to provide that the persons who filed the notice of intent to circulate the recall petition or any committee for the recall of a public officer formed for that purpose would be required to pay the costs for signature verification, unless one of the persons who filed the notice of intent to circulate the recall petition or one of the officers of the committee signs a written declaration, under penalty of perjury, that: (1) payment of the costs would impose an undue burden on the resources otherwise available to those persons or the committee; and (2) those persons or the committee did not use any paid circulators or otherwise pay persons to collect signatures on the recall petition.
9. Strike Section 26 and replace with - This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.