

FIFTEEN FACTS: THE WAR ON PETITIONS

FACT #1: In 1932, citizens protested a 10-cent per pound state tax on margarine passed by the legislature, controlled by dairy farmers. (That equals a dollar per pound today.) Citizens signed a petition to vote down that big new tax; it lost in a landslide. Angry at voters, legislators began declaring EVERY BILL an “emergency” not open to petition.

See examples of phony emergencies at PetitionRights.com under Research. The total over 88 years--**35,000 lies!** PRA allows nine “emergencies” yearly, plus the budget.

FACT #2: Politicians block all state petitions started from April to December in 2020, an 8-month blackout of our constitutional rights! See 1-40-106 (1) C.R.S.

The First Amendment in the Bill of Rights protects five rights—religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition. So does our state constitution. What right is next at risk—praising God, public speech, printing papers, or group meetings? (Can you say “lock down?”) Even a temporary ban on your rights is unAmerican. PRA protects your rights every day.

FACT #3: The legislature subverts petitions. In 40 years, more anti-petition actions from Colorado have been reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court than from all other states. That’s a national disgrace! PRA ends illegal attacks by our legislature on your right to petition.

FACT #4: Legislators routinely gut or repeal petitions to change regular laws. Politicians now rewrite the constitution without an election. They assert taxes are “fees” and multi-year borrowing is not debt. With PRA, only petitions by voters may change petitions.

FACT #5: The state bans local petitions--county, school, or special district. Cities impose higher burdens on city petitioners. PRA adopts one set of simple rules for all.

FACT #6: The state constitution does not limit how long citizens have to collect signatures. Politicians passed a six-month limit. But Freedom is not a quart of milk; politicians cannot stamp an expiration date on your rights. Colorado has the lowest limit; with CO 75% of states would allow one year or more. PRA will allow one year to get state petition entries.

FACT #7: From 1910 to 1994, our constitution let private citizens dispute entries; then the state heard their proof. Now the state tosses petitions on its own; no more neutrality! PRA restores checks and balances and the rule of law. Government must be fair.

FACT #8 State issues are single subjects, but lack finality. Today, single subject disputes can start AFTER petitions win! PRA will settle all legal issues before petition drives start.

FACT #9: A two-week delay for questions now slows petitions. PRA title setting was then delayed over five months--ballot title denied, denied again, approved, then denied again and again and again! A court can delay its ruling *forever*. One crackpot with a \$75 filing fee can deny five million adults their right to petition and to vote. It’s crazy! It’s corrupt! PRA will limit this insane and hostile ordeal to two weeks.

FACT #10: State law says “Ballot titles shall be brief.” Citizens fume at vague, false ballot titles three state lawyers set in “legalese.” They wrote a 324-word ballot title (one sentence!) for our 464-word PRA—**70%** of the entire text! They want you to blame us for their tricks. PRA allows ballot titles “up to 60 words in plain English.” That’s a fair limit.

FACT #11: Petition reviews check only 5% of entries, so if one entry is wrong, the state secretly rejects 19 more. You’ll never know if yours counted! The state can pre-select invalid entries to kill a petition. One petition lost 2,200 entries; a senior citizen volunteer “omitted” her middle initial in signing her 22 affidavits. The tragic truth? She did not *have* a middle initial. *State records were wrong.* PRA requires treating each entry equally.

FACT #12: Our liberal supreme court “interpreted” TABOR to allow two election days in two years to raise taxes, but only one day every two years to lower them, or to vote on any other topic. Their absurd theory? “Voters want to raise taxes faster.” PRA permits all valid petition elections on any topic each November. Elections must be fair, not rigged.

FACT #13: The state **repealed majority rule**. It now takes 55% to pass some petitions. Politicians want to protect their political power. “No” votes count more than “Yes” votes; 46% of voters control 54%. That’s unAmerican. PRA makes votes equal.

FACT #14: We now face geographical quotas in all 35 state senate districts. Besides all the other vicious barriers, the state now divides us by where we live! We could get a MILLION signatures for a petition, but fall one signature short in one area and *we lose our right to vote*. It does not stop politicians, who need only 67 votes for ballot issues; it applies only to cripple citizen petitions. What’s next? Entry quotas by sex? Age? Race? Religion? Party? Income? Don’t let the state split *We the People* into 35 quotas. PRA treats all signers equally.

FACT #15: THE BIGGEST FRAUD OF ALL

1998: 58,656 valid petition entries required

2002: 62,437 2006: 67,828 2010: 79,287

2014: 86,104 2018: 98,492 2020: 124,632

(to meet the state’s average 33% entry rejection rate, we now need 187,000!)

Required petition entries are now 5% of all votes for secretary of state in the last election. In 2018, the average 4-year increase in five prior votes was under 8,000. After 2018, it was 26,140—3.25 times that average increase. Population did not double since 2002. Why? Major illegal voting. PRA resets to a 120,000 entry goal, growing a fixed 9,000 every four years. PRA requires 50% more entries to vote on constitutional amendments than on most petitions. PRA favors petitions for regular laws, not constitutional ones. Believe in America.

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