

Petition Number: _____

County: _____

Issued to: _____

INITIATIVE PETITION

Law proposed by initiative petition
first to be submitted
to the General Assembly

TITLE

Ohio Prosecutors Term Limits

SUMMARY

To replace the existing Ohio Revised Code Section 309.01 with a new Code Section 309.01

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Ohio:

1. In Ohio, the citizens will receive a fair elective process for the county prosecutor position.
2. In Ohio, the challenger, who would be a practicing attorney of the state of Ohio, campaigning against the incumbent prosecutor, shall be free of fear of retaliation or blacklist tactics by the incumbent prosecutor, if they so choose to challenge the current prosecutor in an electoral race.
3. In Ohio, the propose amendment will help reduce the possibility of abuse of power by career politicians in the prosecutor's position and create a greater opportunity for a new and diverse pool of candidates.
4. In Ohio, We declare for an amendment to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 309.01, that "there shall be elected quadrennially in each county, a prosecuting attorney, who shall hold his office for four years, beginning on the first Monday of January next after his election;" amending that the prosecutor shall not serve more than two terms, therefore being termed out after 8 years of public service.
5. In Ohio, this law will retroactively take effect against all current County Prosecutors who have reached or surpassed two terms making their current term in office their final term.

The proposed law would not:

1. Affect the requirements to be a prosecutor
2. Affect quadrennially election in each county

CERTIFICATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This certification of the Attorney General, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3519.01(A), will be inserted when it is provided. This initial petition must be submitted with at least one thousand (1,000) valid signatures of Ohio electors before the Attorney General will issue that certification.

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FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Ohio shall replace the existing section 309.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, Election of prosecuting attorney, with a new code section 309.01, to read as follows:

CURRENT TEXT OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 309.01

Election of Prosecuting Attorney

There shall be elected quadrennially in each county, a prosecuting attorney, who shall hold his office for four years, beginning on the first Monday of January next after his election.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED NEW OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 309.01

Election of Prosecuting Attorney

There shall be elected quadrennially in each county, a prosecuting attorney, who shall hold his office for four years, beginning on the first Monday of January next after his election. No person shall hold the office of prosecuting attorney for a period of longer than two successive terms of four years. All current and previous prosecutors who have served two successive terms or more will be ineligible to run for re-election. Terms shall be considered successive unless separated by a period of four or more years. In determining the eligibility of an individual to hold office in accordance with this section, (a) time spent in an office in fulfillment of a term to which another person was first elected shall not be considered provided that a period of at least four years passed between the time, if any, which the individual previously held that office, and the time the individual is elected or appointed to fulfill the unexpired term; and (b) a person who is elected to an office in a regularly scheduled general election and resigns prior to the completion of the term for which he or she was elected, shall be considered to have served the full term in that office.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of _____ electors, that the signatures appended hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with knowledge of the contents of same. I am employed to circulate this petition by

_____ (Name and Address of employer). (The preceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code *if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.*)

I further declare under the penalty of election falsification in accordance with section 3501.38 of the Revised Code that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.

(Signed) _____

(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state) _____

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.