Initiative, Referendum, Recall, Impeachment & Charter Amendment

Charter Commission Regular Meeting on 2/22/06

COUNTY OF KAUAI

CHARTER SECTIONS RELATED TO VOTER PETITION REQUIREMENTS			
Citation	**Title/Subtitle**	**Percentage**	**Charter Language**
Art XXII (22); Sec. 22.03 C.	Initiative & Referendum/ Submission Requirement	20%	"Each initiative or each referendum petition must be signed by ***not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of eligible voters in the last preceding general election*** ."
Art XXIII (23); Sec. 23.13	General Provisions/ Impeachment of Officers	5%	"Any officer appointed or elected may be impeached for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office. Such impeachment proceeding shall be commenced in the Fifth Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. The charge or charges shall be set forth in writing in a verified petition for impeachment signed by ***not less than five percent (5%) of the voters registered in the last general election*** , except as to charges filed by the ethics commission."
Art XXIV (24); Sec. 24.01 B.	Charter Amendment/ Initiation of Amendments	5%	"By petition presented to the council, signed by ***not less than five percent (5%) of the voters registered in the last general election*** , setting forth the proposed amendments."
Art XXVII (27); Sec. 27.01	Recall/Recall Procedure	20%	"A petition demanding that the question of removing such official be submitted to the voters shall be filed with the county clerk. Such petitions shall be signed by currently registered voters numbering ***not less than twenty percent (20%) of the voters registered in the last general election*** ."

2004 General Election Total Registration:	36,685
5% =	1,834
20% =	7,337

Hawaii County

- Initiative/referendum – Petition "must be signed by qualified voters equal to at least 15% of the total number of persons who voted in the county for the office of mayor . . . in the last preceding general election." Sec. 11-2(c)
- Recall – Petition "shall be signed by qualified voters equal to or greater than 25% of the total number of persons who registered in the last general election" (similar language for officials elected by district, i.e., 25% of the total number of persons who registered in the district in the last general election.) Sec. 12-1.1
- Impeachment – Petition must be signed by 100 qualified electors of the county. Sec. 12-2.1
- Charter amendment – Petition must be "signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least 20% of the registered voters for the last preceding general election." Sec. 15-1(b)

Maui County

- Initiative – Petition "must be signed by not less than 20% of the total number of voters who cast ballots in the last mayoral general election." Sec. 11-3.2
- Recall – petition "shall be signed by not less than 20% of the voters registered in the last general election." Sec. 12-3.2
- Impeachment – Petition must be "signed by not less than 5% of the voters registered in the last general election." Sec. 13-13
- Charter Amendment - Petition must be "signed by not less than 10% of the voters registered in the last general election." Sec. 14-1.2

C & C of Honolulu

- Initiative – Petition must be "signed by duly registered voters equal in number to at least 10% of the total voters registered in the last regular mayoral election." Sec. 3-402.1
- Recall – For Mayor, petition must be "signed by duly registered voters equal in number to10% of the total voters registered at the last regular mayoral election." For council, "10% of the total voters registered in such councilmember's district in the last regular council election held in the district." Article XII, Chap. 1
- Impeachment – For Mayor, petition must be "signed by 5000 duly registered voters of the city. . . ." For council, by "1000 duly registered voters of the council district." Article XII, Chap. 2
- Charter Amendment – Petition must be "signed by duly registered voters equal in number to at least 10% of the total voters registered in the last regular mayoral election . . . ." Sec. 15-101(b)