

Petition Requirements – San Antonio

The 1913 Texas constitutional amendment for Home Rule gave Texans in home rule cities* the right to petition for charter amendments. Other petitions are allowed, but the rules set by municipalities but must be adopted by a public vote.

- **CHARTER AMENDMENTS:** Proposed additions to city charter --cannot be changed without a public vote. State law sets signatures at 5% of registered municipal voters, capped at 20,000.

*EX: Prop A, to reset the petition rules for Referendums, San Antonio, 2018. (failed)
Props B & C, San Antonio, 2018 (passed)*

- **INITIATIVES:** Ordinances proposed by petition. San Antonio requires 10% of registered voters to sign petition – no petition window (you can petition as long as you want) is required. *EX: Family Leave, adopted by San Antonio City Council (2018) having received the petition.*
- **REFERENDUMS:** Petition for public vote to revoke Council decision. San Antonio requires 10% registered voters sign within 40days of passage. *EX: Aplewhite (San Antonio 1988 & 1994,passed by voters)*
- **RECALLS:** Petition calling for public vote to remove city elected officials . San Antonio's requirements of 10% of registered voters is standard, according to the Municipal League..

* Home rule cities in Texas are 5,000 or more and have a city charter. Approx. 19 million Texans live in home rule cities. That's 71% of Texans -- out of 27.6 million total in population.