A STATEWIDE I&R (INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM) PETITION

RATIONALE: Texas voters desperately need and constitutionally require a tool to: (a) reverse the accumulation of governmental power, which continues to grow naturally and relentlessly; (b) neutralize the power of special interests; (c) increase public understanding of the issues; (d) stimulate public involvement in the political processes, including issues of reform, which would in turn improve voter turnout; and (e) make the government more responsive to the voters' interests, needs and opinions. The right of Initiative, the right of citizens to propose state laws or constitutional amendments through a petition effort for placement on the general election ballot in November for approval (or rejection) by Texas voters, IS such a tool. Through Referendum right, voters can propose the repeal of legislation passed by the legislature.

THEREFORE, this petition calls for voter access to binding statewide Initiatives and Referendums on constitutional amendments and state statutes, and FURTHER, APPRISES the Texas Legislature in the 2009 session of the urgent need to schedule an election on a constitutional amendment that would provide these I&R rights for the Texas voter.

(To review the Texas Citizens' Model Initiative & Referendum Amendment, go to www.initiativefortexas.org and click on SHOW ME THE WORDING)

DATE SIGNED	PRINTED NAME (Please print clearly)	ADDRESS (Street, City, ZIP)	SIGNATURE	DISTRICT #	
				HOUSE	SENATE