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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Lake improvement districts (LIDs) are special districts that may undertake projects to improve water quality in a defined geographic area. LIDs may get their funding from a variety of sources, including the state or federal governments, bond issues, or property tax levies, special assessments, and service charges on those who use or benefit from the LIDs' services or projects.

LIDs may be established in the following ways: initiation by the county board, initiation by petition of property owners to the county board, initiation by joint county authority established by two or more county boards, or by the commissioner of natural resources (upon disapproval of a petition by a county board). This bill would increase from 26 to 51 the percentage of property owners' signatures required on petitions: to initiate a LID, to require that a referendum be held before a LID is established by any of the methods listed above, and to request that the county board or joint county authority terminate a LID.

### Section

- 1** **Petition.** Increases from 26 to 51 the percentage of property owners' signatures required to initiate a lake improvement district (LID) by petition to the county board. The county board then has the power to approve or disapprove the establishment of the LID.
- 2** **Petition.** Increases from 26 to 51 the percentage of property owners' signatures required on a petition calling for a referendum on the establishment of a LID.
- 3** **Petition.** Increases from 26 to 51 the percentage of property owners' signatures required on a petition calling for the termination of a LID.
- 4** **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.