



Citizens for Arkansas Public Education and Students (CAPES) is a nonpartisan movement of educators, parents, students, and concerned citizens interested in preserving and strengthening public education in Arkansas. One of our goals is to mobilize citizen volunteers to overturn or veto the LEARNS Act before public school closures and consolidations become the norm. Here's some information about the Arkansas veto referendum process:

What is a veto referendum?

A veto referendum is a procedure that puts the power in the hands of the people to repeal a law that has been passed by the legislature. In Arkansas, a veto referendum allows citizens to collect signatures on a petition to put the law up for a popular vote on the ballot.

How does the Arkansas veto referendum process work?

To initiate a veto referendum, citizens must collect signatures from a certain percentage of registered voters in the state. For statewide initiatives, the threshold is 6% of the total number of voters who cast ballots in the last gubernatorial election. We will focus on 50 counties.

How many signatures are required to veto the LEARNS Act?

For the LEARNS Act, which is a statewide initiative, the threshold is approximately 90,000 valid signatures. CAPES is focusing on 50 counties in Arkansas to obtain veto referendum petition signatures.

Who can sign the veto referendum petition?

To sign the veto referendum petition, the citizen must be a registered voter in Arkansas and need not have voted in the last gubernatorial election.

Where can I sign the veto referendum petition?

CAPES is organizing a statewide effort to collect petition signatures. We will be holding town halls, community events, and canvassing campaigns to reach as many Arkansans as possible. You can also check our website or social media channels for information about upcoming events and petition signing locations.

What happens if enough signatures are collected?

If enough valid signatures are collected, the LEARNS Act will be put up for a popular vote in the next general election. If a majority of voters vote against the LEARNS Act, it will be repealed.

How can I get involved in the veto referendum effort?

CAPES is always looking for volunteers to help with our statewide efforts. Whether you can donate your time, expertise, or resources, we welcome your involvement! You can visit our website or social media channels for information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.