

1 likely in the next election this year a good many more
2 people will vote, because of the registration, et
3 cetera. It means this figure will be raised as it is on
4 the basis of three per cent. As voters increase in the
5 state, it means that many more will be involved in signing
6 petitions if they are interested in referendum. If you
7 raise it to six per cent as has been projected, on the
8 present motion you would need 46,000 signers, and they
9 all have to be checked to make sure they are valid signers.
10 Otherwise, the whole petition is thrown out. I think
11 this would be in the position where we talked about before
12 that the referendum becomes useless. I think under
13 those circumstances, that three per cent is enough. I
14 might point out, I think it was in 1955 or '58, along in
15 there, that the Legislature changed the factor in the
16 referendum from the blanket number of 10,000 signatures
17 to the three per cent factor. At that particular time
18 they considered raising it to 10 per cent and then 5
19 per cent and finally agreed on the 3 per cent figure as
20 a basis of a fair number of signatures necessary according
21 to the voting population, which would give them an