



LAW no.72 of 24 May 1995 (published on 1 June 1995)

**REGULATION OF THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO POPULAR PETITION BY
MEANS OF AN ISTANZA D'ARENZO**

We the Captains Regent

of the Most Serene Republic of San Marino

Hereby promulgate and order the publication of the following Law, approved by the Great and General Council during its sitting of 24 May 1995.

Art. 1

The right to popular petition may be exercised by submitting a popular petition (Istanza d'Arengo).

Popular petitions must concern matters of public interest, and may be presented by San Marino citizens of age to the Captains Regent at noon on the first Sunday after the investiture, in the Hall of the Great and General Council, in accordance with the statutory provisions.

Art. 2

After consulting the Secretariat of the Great and General Council, the Captains Regent shall decide on the compliance of the popular petitions submitted, in particular with regard to the public interest condition, by 30 April and 30 October of each six-month period.

If the Captains Regent declare that the popular petition does not comply with the law, it shall not be submitted to the Great and General Council.

The petitioners must be notified of this decision within fifteen days and the Great and General Council must be informed at its first meeting.

Art. 3

Requests in popular petitions shall be clearly formulated and legibly signed by the petitioners, together with their addresses.

Art. 4

The Great and General Council shall discuss the popular petitions during the six-month mandate in which they are submitted, pursuant to Article 33 of Law no. 21 of 11 March 1981.

A specific report on the issues raised by the popular petitions shall be submitted to the Great and General Council by the relevant Ministries, with respect to issues falling within their competence.

If the issue is of general interest to the Township, this report shall be accompanied by the advisory opinion of the Township Council, pursuant to Article 23 of Law no. 22 of 24 February 1994.

In the case of interventions entailing expenditure, the report shall also include the precise indication of its financial coverage as provided for in Law no. 70 of 9 November 1979 "Provisions on the State's General Accounting".

Art. 5

At the end of the debate, the Great and General Council shall decide by vote on the approval of the requests contained in the popular petitions, in accordance with Articles 20 and 37 of Law no. 21 of 11 March 1981.

The result of the vote shall be the subject of a specific decision, which shall specify the body or bodies to which responsibility for the measures to be taken is delegated.

Art. 6

Within fifteen days of the vote, the State Institutional Secretariat shall send to the petitioners the decision of the Great and General Council, with the result of the vote, which shall be publicly displayed on a specific form.

A copy of the same form shall also be transmitted to the Parliamentary Groups, the Township Councils and the members of the Congress of State.

Art. 7

The approval of a popular petition shall entail for the Congress of State the commitment to act accordingly, in order to implement the decision of the Great and General Council in this regard.

Within six months of the approval of the popular petition, the members of the Congress of State concerned shall inform the competent Parliamentary Commission of the implementing measures taken.

Art. 8

If a popular petition is rejected by the Great and General Council, the same petition may not be submitted until after three six-month mandates have lapsed, unless the Great and General Council is renewed in the meantime.

Art. 9

This Law shall enter into force on the fifth day following that of its legal publication.

Done at Our Residence, on 30 May 1995/1694 since the Foundation of the Republic

THE CAPTAINS REGENT

Marino Bollini - Settimio Lonfernini

THE MINISTER OF

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Antonio L. Volpinari