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The Swiss Citizens' Initiative

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Historical development of MDDs

Cantons: ~1830s

Federal: 1848 - 1874 - **1891** - 1921 - 1977 - 2003

Expansion of the electorate:

1848: all men, including Jews

1971: women

1991: voting age from 20 to 18 years

1992: Swiss living abroad

2000: on local and cantonal level, partly, non-Swiss



Some important design elements

100'000 signatures in 18 months (1.9 %)

there is a binding vote

constitutional level

no participation quorum

double majority of citizens and cantons

channels: ballot box – postal voting – (internet voting)



Signature thresholds: huge variance among cantons !

Lesebeispiel: Im Kanton Zürich braucht es 6000 gültige Unterschriften (0,7% der Stimmbevölkerung), um eine Gesetzesinitiative einzureichen

Unterschriftenhürde in % (ohne Kantone Appenzell Innerrhoden und Glarus)



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Swiss Citizens' Initiative in Practice

Decade	Yes	No
1880-1889	0	1
1890-1899	1	2
1900-1909	1	3
1910-1919	1	2
1920-1929	3	11
1930-1939	0	6
1940-1949	1	5
1950-1959	0	10
1960-1969	0	5
1970-1979	0	23
1980-1989	2	22
1990-1999	3	26
2000-2009	5	39
2010-2014	5	20
Subtotal	20	164