

PATHWAYS TO DIRECT DEMOCRACY

There are several ways to get directly involved in politics:

REINICKENDORF

All residents of the district aged 16 and over

A PUBLIC SUBMISSION
can demand the BVV (District Council)
to deal with a district issue

This requires at least **1,000 signatures**
from residents of the district

The BVV must discuss the
submission within **two months**



LAND BERLIN

All residents of Berlin aged 16 and over

A POPULAR INITIATIVE
can request the House of Representatives
to deal with a Berlin-specific issue

This requires at least **20,000 signatures** by residents of Berlin

The House of Representatives must discuss
the motion within **four months**



Citizen Petitions

For concerns and problems
for which the **district** is responsible

requires **signatures from at least 3% of the**
district's eligible voters

the BVV is required to take on the citizen petition
and has **two months** to approve or reject the
application.

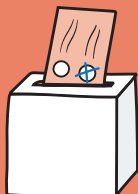


If the BVV agrees, the
proposal will be implemented

Rejection

Referendum

If the **BVV** rejects the **citizen petition**, the district
office must hold a **referendum** for its residents.



Voting takes places with the same process
as in an **election**

The vote is successful **if the majority agrees**,
and if this represents **at least 10% of all**
eligible voters*.



Referendum

For **concerns and issues** that fall under
the responsibility of the **State of Berlin**

needs at least **20,000 signatures** from **eligible**
voters for the House of Representatives

the House of Representatives must consider the
referendum and has **four months** to approve or
reject the motion.



If the House of Representatives
approves, the motion will be adopted
and examined for implementation

Rejection

Referendum

If the **House of Representatives** rejects the
referendum, at least **7% of those eligible voters**
must sign when a new referendum is presented.

If this succeeds, the Senate must hold a
referendum in Berlin within four months.



Voting takes places with the same process
as in an **election**

The vote is successful **if the majority agrees**, and
if this represents at least **25% of all eligible voters***.



* All EU citizens aged 16 and over who have had their main residence in
the district for at least 3 months are entitled to vote in the district.



* All German passport holders aged 16 and over, who have been living in
Germany for at least 3 months with Berlin as their primary residence,
are entitled to vote in the House of Representatives.