
SENATE BILL 5182

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring signature gatherers to sign each
2 initiative or referendum petition they circulate for signatures; and
3 amending RCW 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, and 29A.72.130.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.72.110 and 2005 c 239 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the
8 legislature at its next regular session must be substantially in the
9 following form:

10 (a) The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

11 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE

12 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
13 Washington:

14 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
15 Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed
16 measure known as Initiative Measure No. and entitled (here set
17 forth the established ballot title of the measure), a full, true, and
18 correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition,

1 be transmitted to the legislature of the State of Washington at its
2 next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the
3 legislature to enact said proposed measure into law; and each of us for
4 himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am
5 a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and
6 county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated,
7 and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

8 (b) The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign
9 and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which
10 he or she is registered to vote.

11 (2) The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side
12 of the petition:

13 I,, swear or affirm under penalty of law
14 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to
15 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the
16 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of
17 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the
18 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
19 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
20 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any
21 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
22 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
23 fine or imprisonment or both.

24 Signature.....
25 Print Name
26 Print Street Address
27 Print City, State, Zip Code

28 (3) Petition signature gatherers must complete the declaration
29 under subsection (2) of this section. If a signature gatherer fails to
30 complete the declaration, the secretary of state must refuse to file
31 the petition under RCW 29A.72.170.

32 (4) RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment
33 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude
34 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

35 ~~((The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign and~~

1 ~~print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which he or~~
2 ~~she is registered to vote.))~~

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.72.120 and 2005 c 239 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the people
6 for their approval or rejection at the next ensuing general election
7 must be substantially in the following form:

8 (a) The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

9 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

10 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
11 Washington:

12 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
13 Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as
14 Initiative Measure No., entitled (here insert the established
15 ballot title of the measure), a full, true and correct copy of which is
16 printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legal
17 voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at
18 the general election to be held on the day of November,
19 (year); and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally
20 signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in
21 the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence
22 address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition
23 only once.

24 (b) The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign
25 and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which
26 he or she is registered to vote.

27 (2) The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side
28 of the petition:

29 I,, swear or affirm under penalty of law
30 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to
31 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the
32 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of
33 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the
34 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
35 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
36 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any

1 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
2 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
3 fine or imprisonment or both.

4 Signature
5 Print Name
6 Print Street Address
7 Print City, State, Zip Code

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9 under subsection (2) of this section. If a signature gatherer fails to
10 complete the declaration, the secretary of state must refuse to file
11 the petition under RCW 29A.72.170.

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18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.72.130 and 2005 c 239 s 3 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) Petitions ordering that acts or parts of acts passed by the
21 legislature be referred to the people at the next ensuing general
22 election, or special election ordered by the legislature, must be
23 substantially in the following form:

24 (a) The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

25 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

26 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
27 Washington:

28 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
29 Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No.
30, filed to revoke a (or part or parts of a) bill that (concise
31 statement required by RCW 29A.36.071) and that was passed by the
32 legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular
33 (special) session of said legislature, shall be referred to the people
34 of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular (special)

1 election to be held on the day of November, (year); and each of
2 us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this
3 petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city
4 (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is
5 correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

6 (b) The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign
7 and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which
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10 of the petition:

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16 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
17 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
18 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any
19 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
20 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
21 fine or imprisonment or both.

22 Signature.....
23 Print Name
24 Print Street Address
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28 complete the declaration, the secretary of state must refuse to file
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