

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2614

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By House General Government Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Liias, Carlyle, Flannigan, and White)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/10.

1            AN ACT Relating to signature gathering; and amending RCW  
2 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, 29A.72.130, and 29A.72.150.

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

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

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

9            The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

10                      INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE

11 To the Honorable . . . . ., Secretary of State of the State of  
12 Washington:

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

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

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

10 The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side of  
11 the petition, and must be signed by the signature gatherer who  
12 circulated the petition sheet after the sheet has been signed by  
13 petitioners but before the petition is submitted to the secretary of  
14 state:

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

- 26 Signature
- 27 Date of Signature
- 28 Print Name
- 29 Print Street Address
- 30 Print City, State, Zip Code

31 Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the  
32 signatory to the penalty of the law. The declaration must be  
33 individually signed by the signature gatherer. Stamps or other  
34 signature reproductions may not be used.

35 RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment  
36 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude  
37 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

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

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

9 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

10 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

11 To the Honorable . . . . ., Secretary of State of the State of  
12 Washington:

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

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

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29 the petition, and must be signed by the signature gatherer who  
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31 petitioners but before the petition is submitted to the secretary of  
32 state:

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34 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to  
35 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the  
36 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of

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2 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further  
3 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on  
4 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any  
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18 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude  
19 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

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

25 Petitions ordering that acts or parts of acts passed by the  
26 legislature be referred to the people at the next ensuing general  
27 election, or special election ordered by the legislature, must be  
28 substantially in the following form:

29 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

30 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

31 To the Honorable . . . . ., Secretary of State of the State of  
32 Washington:

33 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of  
34 Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No.  
35 . . . . ., filed to revoke a (or part or parts of a) bill that (concise  
36 statement required by RCW 29A.36.071) and that was passed by the

1 . . . . . legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular  
2 (special) session of said legislature, shall be referred to the people  
3 of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular (special)  
4 election to be held on the . . . . day of November, (year); and each of  
5 us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this  
6 petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city  
7 (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is  
8 correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

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

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15 petitioners but before the petition is submitted to the secretary of  
16 state:

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1 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude  
2 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.72.150 and 2003 c 111 s 1816 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 When the person proposing any initiative measure has obtained  
9 signatures of legal voters equal to or exceeding eight percent of the  
10 votes cast for the office of governor at the last regular gubernatorial  
11 election prior to the submission of the signatures for verification, or  
12 when the person or organization demanding any referendum of an act or  
13 part of an act of the legislature has obtained a number of signatures  
14 of legal voters equal to or exceeding four percent of the votes cast  
15 for the office of governor at the last regular gubernatorial election  
16 prior to the submission of the signatures for verification, the  
17 petition containing the signatures may be submitted to the secretary of  
18 state for filing. The person or organization submitting the petition  
19 to the secretary of state shall not submit any petition sheets that  
20 have an unsigned signature gatherer declaration required pursuant to  
21 RCW 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, or 29A.72.130.

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