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By Representatives Hawkins, Hunter, Alexander, Bergquist, Hunt, and Buys; by request of Secretary of State

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the costs and inefficiencies in
2 elections by eliminating a requirement to include the full text of
3 ballot measures in the printed version of voters' pamphlets; amending
4 RCW 29A.32.070; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In an effort to reduce unfunded mandates on
7 the secretary of state's office and allow efficiencies to be
8 implemented, the legislature finds a potential cost savings and reduced
9 impacts on the environment by removing the requirement that the
10 complete text of initiatives be published in voters' pamphlets. The
11 legislature expects the secretary of state to continue to post the
12 complete text of a measure in the online voter's guide and to provide
13 information in the voters' pamphlet about how a voter may view the text
14 on the internet or request that a copy be electronically or physically
15 mailed to the voter.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.32.070 and 2009 c 415 s 5 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 The secretary of state shall determine the format and layout of the

1 voters' pamphlet published under RCW 29A.32.010. The secretary of
2 state shall print the pamphlet in clear, readable type on a size,
3 quality, and weight of paper that in the judgment of the secretary of
4 state best serves the voters. The pamphlet must contain a table of
5 contents. Measures and arguments must be printed in the order
6 specified by RCW 29A.72.290.

7 The voters' pamphlet must provide the following information for
8 each statewide issue on the ballot except measures for an advisory vote
9 of the people whose requirements are provided in subsection (11) of
10 this section:

11 (1) The legal identification of the measure by serial designation
12 or number;

13 (2) The official ballot title of the measure;

14 (3) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the law
15 as it presently exists;

16 (4) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the
17 effect of the proposed measure if it becomes law;

18 (5) The fiscal impact statement prepared under RCW 29A.72.025;

19 (6) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in
20 the senate and house of representatives, if the measure has been passed
21 by the legislature;

22 (7) An argument advocating the voters' approval of the measure
23 together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing argument;

24 (8) An argument advocating the voters' rejection of the measure
25 together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing argument;

26 (9) Each argument or rebuttal statement must be followed by the
27 names of the committee members who submitted them, and may be followed
28 by a telephone number that citizens may call to obtain information on
29 the ballot measure;

30 (10) The full text of the measure, or information about how to view
31 or obtain a copy of the full text of the measure;

32 (11) Two pages shall be provided in the general election voters'
33 pamphlet for each measure for an advisory vote of the people under RCW
34 43.135.041 and shall consist of the serial number assigned by the
35 secretary of state under RCW 29A.72.040, the short description
36 formulated by the attorney general under RCW 29A.72.283, the tax
37 increase's most up-to-date ten-year cost projection, including a
38 year-by-year breakdown, by the office of financial management under RCW

1 43.135.031, and the names of the legislators, and their contact
2 information, and how they voted on the increase upon final passage so
3 they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.
4 For the purposes of this subsection, "names of legislators, and their
5 contact information" includes each legislator's position (senator or
6 representative), first name, last name, party affiliation (for example,
7 Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in, office phone
8 number, and office e-mail address.

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