

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1553

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54th Legislature
1995 Regular Session

BALLOT TITLES--LENGTH

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the House March 9, 1995
Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 1995
Yeas 47 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved May 1, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1553** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

Chief Clerk

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May 1, 1995 - 11:27 a.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representative L. Thomas; by request of Attorney General

Read first time 01/30/95. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to elections; and amending RCW 29.27.060.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.27.060 and 1993 c 256 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) When a proposed constitution or constitutional amendment,
6 initiative measure, referendum bill, or other question is to be
7 submitted to the people of the state for state-wide popular vote, the
8 attorney general shall prepare a concise statement posed as a question
9 and not exceeding (~~twenty~~) twenty-five words containing the essential
10 features thereof expressed in such a manner as to clearly identify the
11 proposition to be voted upon.

12 Questions to be submitted to the people of a county or municipality
13 shall also be advertised as provided for nominees for office, and in
14 such cases there shall also be printed on the ballot a concise
15 statement posed as a question and not exceeding seventy-five words
16 containing the essential features thereof expressed in such a manner as
17 to clearly identify the proposition to be voted upon, which statement
18 shall be prepared by the city or town attorney for the city or town,
19 and by the prosecuting attorney for the county or any other unit of

1 local government, other than a city or town, the majority area of which
2 is situated in the county.

3 The concise statement constitutes the ballot title.

4 (2) The secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the
5 ballot title for a proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or
6 other state-wide question at the same time and in the same manner as
7 the ballot titles to initiatives and referendums.

8 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to referendum
9 measures filed on an enactment of the state legislature or on an
10 enactment of the legislative authority of a unit of local government,
11 nor does it apply to the extent that other provisions of state law
12 provide otherwise for a specific type of ballot question or
13 proposition.

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