## SENATE BILL 6177

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By Senators Fairley, Loveland, B. Sheldon, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Kline, Fraser, Kohl, Franklin, Haugen, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Bauer, Goings, Jacobsen, Snyder and Patterson

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to signature gatherers; adding a new section to
- 2 chapter 29.79 RCW; and prescribing penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.79 RCW 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (1) A person must be a registered voter of this state to solicit or 7 procure signatures on an initiative or referendum petition. A person 8 who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of not more
- 9 than five hundred dollars for each violation.
- 10 (2) A person may hire only persons who are registered voters of
- 11 this state for the purpose of soliciting or procuring signatures on an
- 12 initiative or referendum petition. A person who violates this
- 13 subsection is subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand
- 14 dollars for each violation.

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