
HOUSE BILL 1323

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1 AN ACT Relating to repealing advisory votes; amending RCW
2 29A.32.031, 29A.32.070, 29A.72.040, 29A.72.250, and 29A.72.290; and
3 repealing RCW 29A.72.283, 29A.72.285, and 43.135.041.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.031 and 2013 c 283 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW
8 29A.32.010 must contain:

9 (1) Information about (~~each measure for an advisory vote of the~~
10 ~~people and~~) each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the
11 voters for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

12 (2) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
13 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the
14 United States, United States senator, United States representative,
15 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,
16 state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands,
17 superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state
18 senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of
19 the court of appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may
20 also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more

1 than five years old in a format that the secretary of state
2 determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

3 (3) In odd-numbered years, if any office voted upon statewide
4 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and
5 photographs for candidates for any vacant office listed in subsection
6 (2) of this section must appear;

7 (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission
8 established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement:
9 "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and
10 local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov."
11 The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as on the
12 cover or on the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The
13 secretary of state may substitute such language as is necessary for
14 accuracy and clarity and consistent with the intent of this section;

15 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

16 (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of
17 language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080; and

18 (7) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be
19 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is
20 deemed informative to the voters.

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

23 The secretary of state shall determine the format and layout of
24 the voters' pamphlet published under RCW 29A.32.010. The secretary of
25 state shall print the pamphlet in clear, readable type on a size,
26 quality, and weight of paper that in the judgment of the secretary of
27 state best serves the voters. The pamphlet must contain a table of
28 contents. Measures and arguments must be printed in the order
29 specified by RCW 29A.72.290.

30 The voters' pamphlet must provide the following information for
31 each statewide issue on the ballot (~~except measures for an advisory~~
32 ~~vote of the people whose requirements are provided in subsection (11)~~
33 ~~of this section)):~~

34 (1) The legal identification of the measure by serial designation
35 or number;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (10) The full text of the measure((+)

16 ~~(11) Two pages shall be provided in the general election voters'~~
17 ~~pamphlet for each measure for an advisory vote of the people under~~
18 ~~RCW 43.135.041 and shall consist of the serial number assigned by the~~
19 ~~secretary of state under RCW 29A.72.040, the short description~~
20 ~~formulated by the attorney general under RCW 29A.72.283, the tax~~
21 ~~increase's most up-to-date ten-year cost projection, including a~~
22 ~~year-by-year breakdown, by the office of financial management under~~
23 ~~RCW 43.135.031, and the names of the legislators, and their contact~~
24 ~~information, and how they voted on the increase upon final passage so~~
25 ~~they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the~~
26 ~~public. For the purposes of this subsection, "names of legislators,~~
27 ~~and their contact information" includes each legislator's position~~
28 ~~(senator or representative), first name, last name, party affiliation~~
29 ~~(for example, Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in,~~
30 ~~office phone number, and office e-mail address)).~~

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.72.040 and 2008 c 1 s 7 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 The secretary of state shall give a serial number to each
34 initiative, referendum bill, and referendum measure, (~~or measure for~~
35 ~~an advisory vote of the people,)~~) using a separate series for
36 initiatives to the legislature, initiatives to the people, referendum
37 bills, and referendum measures, (~~and measures for an advisory vote~~
38 ~~of the people,)~~) and forthwith transmit one copy of the measure
39 proposed bearing its serial number to the attorney general.

1 Thereafter a measure shall be known and designated on all petitions,
2 ballots, and proceedings as "Initiative Measure No.,"
3 "Referendum Bill No.," or "Referendum Measure No.((~~7~~"

4 ~~or "Advisory Vote No.~~))."

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.72.250 and 2013 c 11 s 75 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 If a referendum or initiative petition for submission of a
8 measure to the people is found sufficient, the secretary of state
9 shall at the time and in the manner that he or she certifies to the
10 county auditors of the various counties the names of candidates for
11 state and district officers certify to each county auditor the serial
12 numbers and ballot titles of the several initiative and referendum
13 measures ((~~and serial numbers and short descriptions of measures~~
14 ~~submitted for an advisory vote of the people~~)) to be voted upon at
15 the next ensuing general election or special election ordered by the
16 legislature.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.72.290 and 2013 c 11 s 76 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 The county auditor of each county shall print on the official
20 ballots for the election at which initiative and referendum measures
21 and measures for an advisory vote of the people are to be submitted
22 to the people for their approval or rejection, the serial numbers and
23 ballot titles certified by the secretary of state and the serial
24 numbers and short descriptions of measures for an advisory vote of
25 the people. They must appear under separate headings in the order of
26 the serial numbers as follows:

- 27 (1) Initiatives to the people;
- 28 (2) Referendum measures;
- 29 (3) Referendum bills;
- 30 (4) Initiatives to the legislature;
- 31 (5) Initiatives to the legislature and legislative alternatives;
- 32 (6) ((~~Advisory votes;~~
- 33 ~~(7)~~)) Proposed constitutional amendments.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are
35 each repealed:

- 36 (1) RCW 29A.72.283 (Advisory vote on tax legislation—Short
37 description) and 2008 c 1 s 8;

1 (2) RCW 29A.72.285 (Advisory vote on tax legislation—Short
2 description filing and transmittal) and 2008 c 1 s 9; and

3 (3) RCW 43.135.041 (Tax legislation—Advisory vote—Duties of the
4 attorney general and secretary of state—Exemption) and 2013 c 1 s 6,
5 2010 c 4 s 3, & 2008 c 1 s 6.

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