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HOUSE BILL 2923

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1            AN ACT Relating to initiatives and referendums; amending RCW  
2 29.81.010; adding a new section to chapter 29.79 RCW; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 42.17 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.79 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            When a state initiative campaign uses paid signature gatherers to  
8 collect signatures for a petition that proposes a measure for  
9 submission to the people under RCW 29.79.100 or a petition that orders  
10 an act or parts of acts passed by the legislature be referred to the  
11 people under RCW 29.79.110, the petition shall contain the following  
12 statement:

1       IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, THIS  
2 CAMPAIGN IS USING OR HAS USED PAID STAFF TO COLLECT SIGNATURES ON  
3 BEHALF OF THIS INITIATIVE.

4       The statement shall be the same type size as the language of the  
5 petition, it shall be in capital letters, and it shall be placed above  
6 the language of the petition.

7       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.17 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9       When a ballot proposition uses or has used paid signature gatherers  
10 to collect signatures, the ballot proposition shall contain the  
11 following statement:

12       IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, THIS  
13 CAMPAIGN IS USING OR HAS USED PAID STAFF TO COLLECT SIGNATURES ON  
14 BEHALF OF THIS INITIATIVE.

15       (1) In print advertising, including but not limited to, mailings,  
16 newspaper advertisements, and billboards, the statement shall be  
17 placed, in a minimum twelve point type size, directly above or below  
18 the identification of the sponsor required by RCW 42.17.510.

19       (2) In radio and television advertising, the statement shall be  
20 included after the identification of the sponsor required by RCW  
21 42.17.510.

22       **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.81.010 and 1984 c 54 s 4 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24       The voters' pamphlet shall contain as to each state measure to be  
25 voted upon, the following in the order set forth in this section:

26       (1) Upon the top portion of the first two opposing pages relating  
27 to the measure and not exceeding one-third of the total printing area  
28 shall appear:

1 (a) The legal identification of the measure by serial designation  
2 and number;

3 (b) The official ballot title of the measure;

4 (c) A brief statement explaining the law as it presently exists;

5 (d) A brief statement explaining the effect of the proposed measure  
6 should it be approved into law;

7 (e) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in  
8 both the state senate and house of representatives if the measure has  
9 been passed by the legislature;

10 (f) A heavy double ruled line across both pages to clearly set  
11 apart the above items from the remaining text.

12 (2) Upon the lower portion of the left page of the two facing pages  
13 shall appear an argument advocating the voters' approval of the measure  
14 together with any rebuttal statement of the opposing argument as  
15 provided in RCW 29.81.030, 29.81.040, or 29.81.050.

16 (3) Upon the lower portion of the right hand page of the two facing  
17 pages shall appear an argument advocating the voters' rejection of the  
18 measure together with any rebuttal statement of the opposing argument  
19 as provided in RCW 29.81.030, 29.81.040, or 29.81.050.

20 (4) Following each argument or rebuttal statement each member of  
21 the committee advocating for or against a measure shall be listed by  
22 name and address to the end that the public shall be fully apprised of  
23 the advocate's identity. Also, following each argument or rebuttal  
24 statement, the secretary of state shall list, at the option of the  
25 committee that submitted the argument or statement, a telephone number  
26 that citizens may call in order to obtain information on the ballot  
27 measure.

28 (5) When a measure that uses or has used paid signature gatherers  
29 to collect signatures is contained in the voters' pamphlet, the  
30 following statement shall be included in twelve-point type:

1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, THIS  
2 CAMPAIGN IS USING OR HAS USED PAID STAFF TO COLLECT SIGNATURES ON  
3 BEHALF OF THIS INITIATIVE.

4 (6) At the conclusion of the pamphlet the full text of each of the  
5 measures shall appear. The text of the proposed constitutional  
6 amendments shall be set forth in the form provided for in RCW  
7 29.81.080.