SENATE BILL 5117

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By Senators Matson, Amondson, Hayner, Saling, Thorsness, McDonald, Bailey, Cantu, Newhouse, Nelson, Johnson, Barr, Bluechel, Craswell, McCaslin and Patterson.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to signature requirements for initiatives and
- 2 referendums; and amending RCW 29.79.120.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 29.79.120 and 1982 c 116 s 12 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 When the person proposing any initiative measure has secured upon
- 7 such initiative petition a number of signatures of legal voters equal
- 8 to or exceeding eight percent of the votes cast for the office of
- 9 governor at the last regular gubernatorial election prior to the
- 10 submission of the signatures for verification, or when the person or
- 11 organization demanding any referendum of an act of the legislature or
- 12 any part thereof has secured upon any such referendum petition a number
- 13 of signatures of legal voters equal to or exceeding four percent of the
- 14 votes cast for the office of governor at the last regular gubernatorial
- 15 election prior to the submission of the signatures for verification,

- 1 he, she, or they may submit the petition to the secretary of state for
- 2 filing. A pro rata share of the necessary minimum number of signatures
- 3 shall be obtained in each congressional district.