
HOUSE BILL 1168

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1 AN ACT Relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 29.79 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) A person who attempts to obtain the signature of a voter on an
7 initiative or referendum petition that is governed by this chapter
8 shall disclose to the voter whether the person is being paid to obtain
9 signatures on the petition before the person requests that the voter
10 sign the petition.

11 (2) A person who obtains the signature of a voter on an initiative
12 or referendum petition that is governed by this chapter shall, before
13 the voter signs the petition:

14 (a) Accurately describe to the voter the effect that the initiative
15 or referendum will have upon the law of this state; and

16 (b) Provide to the voter:

17 (i) A comprehensive summary of the initiative or referendum, in
18 writing, that has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to
19 this section;

1 (ii) Written instructions describing the procedure through which
2 the voter may request the removal of his or her name from the petition,
3 including, without limitation, the deadline for requesting the removal
4 of his or her name;

5 (iii) A form prescribed by the secretary of state that the voter
6 may use to request the removal of his or her name from the petition;
7 and

8 (iv) A written summary of the requirements of this subsection
9 (2)(b).

10 (3) A person who signs a petition for an initiative or referendum
11 that is governed by this chapter may remove his or her name from the
12 petition by transmitting his or her request in writing to the secretary
13 of state at any time before the petition is submitted to the secretary
14 of state.

15 (4) The secretary of state, upon consultation with the attorney
16 general, shall approve or disapprove a comprehensive summary of an
17 initiative or referendum not later than ten business days after the
18 comprehensive summary and a copy of the initiative or referendum is
19 submitted to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall
20 approve the comprehensive summary if it completely and accurately
21 describes the effect that the initiative or referendum will have upon
22 the law of this state.

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