
SENATE BILL 6159

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By Senators Keiser, Deccio, Spanel, Kline, Berkey, Eide and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to signature gathering by sex offenders; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 29A.72 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 29A.72 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any person with a duty to register as a sex offender under RCW
7 9A.44.130 is prohibited from gathering signatures for any initiative or
8 referendum measure.

9 (2) Petitions circulated by a person with a duty to register as a
10 sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130 shall not be counted when determining
11 whether the initiative measure contains sufficient signatures.

12 (3) A valid signatory may recover statutory damages of two hundred
13 dollars and actual damages from the entity or person employing a sex
14 offender with a duty to register under RCW 9A.44.130 as a paid or
15 volunteer signature gatherer. For the purposes of this section, a
16 valid signatory is a person whose signature on a petition would count
17 but for the fact that the petition was circulated by a person with a
18 duty to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130. In an action

1 to recover statutory or actual damages under this section, the
2 prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

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