

**HB 2601 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Provides that all businesses operating in this state engaged in the activity of collecting signatures for state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petitions and that are using paid signature gatherers must register with the commission. All individuals employed by businesses operating in this state engaged in the activity of collecting signatures for state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petitions must register with the commission. Registration is valid for only one state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition.

Provides that a registered paid signature gatherer who submits fraudulent signatures will have his or her registration number revoked and is prohibited from obtaining future permits.

Provides that this act does not apply to individuals who volunteer to engage in the activity of collecting signatures for state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petitions.