
HOUSE BILL 2124

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By Representatives Patterson and Locke

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1 AN ACT Relating to notice and verification of initiatives,
2 referendums, and other ballot measures; amending RCW 29.27.074 and
3 29.79.200; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.27.074 and 1967 c 96 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The notice provided for in RCW 29.27.072 shall ~~((set forth the~~
8 ~~following information:~~

9 ~~(1) A legal identification of the state measure to be voted upon.~~

10 ~~(2) The official ballot title of such state measure.~~

11 ~~(3) A brief statement explaining the constitutional provision or~~
12 ~~state law as it presently exists.~~

13 ~~(4) A brief statement explaining the effect of the state measure~~
14 ~~should it be approved.~~

15 ~~(5) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in~~
16 ~~both the state senate and house of representatives)) identify the state~~
17 ~~measure to be voted upon and provide a brief explanatory statement.~~

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.79.200 and 1982 c 116 s 15 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Upon the filing of an initiative or referendum petition, the
4 secretary of state shall proceed to verify and canvass the names of the
5 legal voters on the petition. The verification and canvass of
6 signatures on the petition may be observed by persons representing the
7 advocates and opponents of the proposed measure so long as they make no
8 record of the names, addresses, or other information on the petitions
9 or related records during the verification process except upon the
10 order of the superior court of Thurston county. The secretary of state
11 may limit the number of observers to not less than two on each side, if
12 in his or her opinion, a greater number would cause undue delay or
13 disruption of the verification process. Any such limitation shall
14 apply equally to both sides. The secretary of state may use any
15 statistical sampling techniques for this verification and canvass which
16 have been adopted by rule as provided by chapter 34.05 RCW. No
17 petition will be rejected on the basis of any statistical method
18 employed, and no petition will be accepted on the basis of any
19 statistical method employed if such method indicates that the petition
20 contains (~~less than one hundred ten percent of~~) fewer than the
21 requisite number of signatures of legal voters. If the secretary of
22 state finds the same name signed to more than one petition, he or she
23 shall reject all but the first such valid signature. For an initiative
24 to the legislature, the secretary of state shall transmit a certified
25 copy of the proposed measure to the legislature at the opening of its
26 session and, as soon as the signatures on the petition have been
27 verified and canvassed, the secretary of state shall send to the
28 legislature a certificate of the facts relating to the filing,
29 verification, and canvass of the petition.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
33 effect July 1, 1993.

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