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1 AN ACT Relating to signature gatherers; adding a new section to
2 chapter 29.79 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29.82 RCW;
3 prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

7 (1) A person must be a registered voter of this state to obtain, or
8 attempt to obtain, signatures on an initiative or referendum petition.
9 A person who violates this subsection may be subject to a civil penalty
10 of not more than five hundred dollars for each violation.

11 (2) A person may only hire a person who is a registered voter of
12 this state for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain
13 signatures on an initiative or referendum petition. A person who
14 violates this subsection may be subject to a civil penalty of not more
15 than one thousand dollars for each violation.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29.82 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) A person must be a registered voter of this state to obtain, or
2 attempt to obtain, signatures on a recall petition. A person who
3 violates this subsection may be subject to a civil penalty of not more
4 than five hundred dollars for each violation.

5 (2) A person may only hire a person who is a registered voter of
6 this state for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain
7 signatures on a recall petition. A person who violates this subsection
8 may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars
9 for each violation.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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