

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5001

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, February 8, 2001

Title: An act relating to paper size of initiative and referendum petitions.

Brief Description: Allowing initiative and referendum petitions on 8 ½ by 11 paper.

Sponsors: Senators Roach, Johnson, Swecker and Rossi.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/1/01, 2/8/01 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5001 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Gardner, Hale, Haugen, Horn, McCaslin, Roach and T. Sheldon.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: The size of paper on which initiative and referendum petitions must be printed by their proposers is not less than 11 x 14 inches.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The required size of paper on which initiative and referendum petitions must be printed is reduced to not less than 8 ½ x11 inches. The Secretary of State must adopt rules regarding readability of the petitions.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The original bill did not provide direction to the Secretary of State to adopt rules regarding readability of the petitions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed..

Testimony For: The letter-sized paper will facilitate e-mail and faxing, making dissemination of petitions more cost-effective.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Henry Paulman, TRUST (pro); David Elliott, Office of Secretary of State.