
HOUSE BILL 2770

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By Representatives Hatfield, Dunshee, Gombosky and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to truth in taxation; and amending RCW 29.27.066.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.27.066 and 2000 c 197 s 12 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036, 82.46.021,
6 or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on an enactment
7 or portion of an enactment of a local government and any other question
8 submitted to the voters of a local government consists of three
9 elements: (a) An identification of the enacting legislative body and
10 a statement of the subject matter; (b) a concise description of the
11 measure, including a comparison of the ballot measure's financial
12 impact, if any, in both monetary and percentage change terms; and (c)
13 a question. The ballot title must conform with the requirements and be
14 displayed substantially as provided under RCW 29.79.035, except that
15 the concise description must not exceed seventy-five words. If the
16 local governmental unit is a city or a town, the concise statement
17 shall be prepared by the city or town attorney. If the local
18 governmental unit is a county, the concise statement shall be prepared
19 by the prosecuting attorney of the county. If the unit is a unit of

1 local government other than a city, town, or county, the concise
2 statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county
3 within which the majority area of the unit is located.

4 (2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local
5 government shall be advertised in the manner provided for nominees for
6 elective office.

7 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another
8 provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of
9 ballot question or proposition.

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