
HOUSE BILL 1169

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1 AN ACT Relating to initiative and referendum petitions; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 29.79 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) A person who attempts to obtain the signature of a voter on an
7 initiative or referendum petition that is governed by this chapter
8 shall disclose to the voter whether the person is being paid to obtain
9 signatures on the petition before the person requests that the voter
10 sign the petition.

11 (2) A person who obtains the signature of a voter on an initiative
12 or referendum petition that is governed by this chapter shall, before
13 the voter signs the petition:

14 (a) Accurately describe to the voter the effect that the initiative
15 or referendum will have upon the law of this state; and

16 (b) Provide to the voter a comprehensive summary of the initiative
17 or referendum, in writing, that has been approved by the secretary of
18 state pursuant to this section.

1 (3) The secretary of state, upon consultation with the attorney
2 general, shall approve or disapprove a comprehensive summary of an
3 initiative or referendum not later than ten business days after the
4 comprehensive summary and a copy of the initiative or referendum is
5 submitted to the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall
6 approve the comprehensive summary if it completely and accurately
7 describes the effect that the initiative or referendum will have upon
8 the law of this state.

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