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HOUSE BILL 1172

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State of Washington                      58th Legislature                      2003 Regular Session

By Representatives Romero, Haigh, Hunt, Upthegrove and McDermott

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1            AN ACT Relating to initiative qualifications; amending RCW  
2 29.79.120; and providing a contingent effective date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** This act takes effect January 1, 2004, if  
5 the proposed amendment to Article II, section 1 of the state  
6 Constitution (HJR --) is validly submitted to and is approved and  
7 ratified by the voters at a general election held in November 2003. If  
8 the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void  
9 in its entirety.

10           **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.79.120 and 1982 c 116 s 12 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12           When the person proposing ((any)) an initiative measure to be  
13 submitted to the people has secured upon such initiative petition a  
14 number of signatures of legal voters equal to or exceeding eight  
15 percent of the votes cast for the office of governor at the last  
16 regular gubernatorial election prior to the submission of the  
17 signatures for verification, when the person proposing an initiative

1 measure to be submitted to the legislature has secured upon the  
2 initiative petition a number of signatures of legal voters equal to or  
3 exceeding six percent of the votes cast for the office of governor at  
4 the last regular gubernatorial election before the submission of the  
5 signatures for verification, or when the person (~~(or organization)~~)  
6 demanding (~~(any)~~) a referendum of an act of the legislature or (~~(any)~~)  
7 a part (~~(thereof)~~) of an act has secured upon (~~(any such)~~) the  
8 referendum petition a number of signatures of legal voters equal to or  
9 exceeding four percent of the votes cast for the office of governor at  
10 the last regular gubernatorial election prior to the submission of the  
11 signatures for verification, he or (~~(they)~~) she may submit the petition  
12 to the secretary of state for filing.

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