

EHB 1222 - S AMD 560  
By Senator Benton

WITHDRAWN 4/14/05

1 On page 2, after line 18, insert the following:

2 "The above name and signature shall not be public record under  
3 42.17 RCW and shall not be made available for public inspection or  
4 copying. Any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
5 gatherer with the intent to harass constitutes a class C felony.  
6 Additionally, any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
7 gatherer with the intent to harass creates a civil right of action with  
8 damages not to exceed ten thousand dollars, and reasonable attorney's  
9 fees."

10 On page 3, after line 17, insert the following:

11 "The above name and signature shall not be public record under  
12 42.17 RCW and shall not be made available for public inspection or  
13 copying. Any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
14 gatherer with the intent to harass constitutes a class C felony.  
15 Additionally, any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
16 gatherer with the intent to harass creates a civil right of action with  
17 damages not to exceed ten thousand dollars, and reasonable attorney's  
18 fees."

19 On page 4, after line 18, insert the following:

20 "The above name and signature shall not be public record under  
21 42.17 RCW and shall not be made available for public inspection or  
22 copying. Any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
23 gatherer with the intent to harass constitutes a class C felony.  
24 Additionally, any contact or correspondence with the petition signature  
25 gatherer with the intent to harass creates a civil right of action with  
26 damages not to exceed ten thousand dollars, and reasonable attorney's  
27 fees."

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**EFFECT:** Makes the name and signature of the petition signature gatherer not a matter of public record and creates civil and

criminal penalties for harassment of signature gatherers.