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HOUSE BILL 1222

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By Representatives McDermott, Nixon, Ericks, Buri, Simpson, Shabro, Williams, Dickerson, Sells, Ormsby and Haigh

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to ballot measure petitions; and amending RCW
- 2 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, and 29A.72.130.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.72.110 and 2003 c 111 s 1812 are each amended to read as follows:
- Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the legislature at its next regular session must be substantially in the following
- 8 form:
- 9 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:
- 10 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE
- 11 To the Honorable Secretary of State of the State of
- 12 Washington:
- 13 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
- 14 Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed
- 15 measure known as Initiative Measure No. . . . and entitled (here set
- 16 forth the established ballot title of the measure), a full, true, and
- 17 correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition,
- 18 be transmitted to the legislature of the State of Washington at its

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- next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the legislature to enact said proposed measure into law; and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.
- <u>I, swear or affirm under penalty of law</u> 7 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to 8 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the 9 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of 10 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the 11 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further 12 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on 13 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any 14 15 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by 16 fine or imprisonment or both. 17
- The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which he or she is registered to vote.
- 21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.72.120 and 2003 c 111 s 1813 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the people for 24 their approval or rejection at the next ensuing general election must 25 be substantially in the following form:
- The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:
- 27 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE
- 28 To the Honorable Secretary of State of the State of 29 Washington:
- We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. . . ., entitled (here insert the established ballot title of the measure), a full, true and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the day of November,

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- 1 (year); and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.
- <u>I, swear or affirm under penalty of law</u> 6 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to 7 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the 8 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of 9 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the 10 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further 11 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on 12 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any 13 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a 14 15 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by 16 fine or imprisonment or both.
- The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which he or she is registered to vote.
- 20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.72.130 and 2003 c 111 s 1814 are each amended to read as follows:
- Petitions ordering that acts or parts of acts passed by the legislature be referred to the people at the next ensuing general election, or special election ordered by the legislature, must be substantially in the following form:
- The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:
- 27 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM
- 28 To the Honorable Secretary of State of the State of 29 Washington:
- We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No., filed to revoke a (or part or parts of a) bill that (concise statement required by RCW ((29A.36.070)) 29A.36.071) and that was passed by the legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular (special) session of said legislature, shall be referred
- 36 to the people of the state for their approval or rejection at the

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regular (special) election to be held on the . . . day of November, (year); and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

The petition must include a place for each petitioner to sign and print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which he or she is registered to vote.

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