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By Representatives McDermott, Ormsby, Appleton, Miloscia, Hunt, Kessler, Hasegawa and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to the accountability of signature gatherers for
2 ballot measure petitions; amending RCW 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120,
3 29A.72.130, and 29A.72.170; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.72.110 and 2005 c 239 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the legislature
8 at its next regular session must be substantially in the following
9 form:

10 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

11 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LEGISLATURE

12 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
13 Washington:

14 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
15 Washington, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed
16 measure known as Initiative Measure No. and entitled (here set
17 forth the established ballot title of the measure), a full, true, and
18 correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition,

1 be transmitted to the legislature of the State of Washington at its
2 next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the
3 legislature to enact said proposed measure into law; and each of us for
4 himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am
5 a legal voter of the State of Washington in the city (or town) and
6 county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated,
7 and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

8 The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side of
9 the petition:

10 I,, swear or affirm under penalty of law
11 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to
12 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the
13 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of
14 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the
15 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
16 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
17 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any
18 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
19 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
20 fine or imprisonment or both.

21 Signature _____
22 Date of Signature _____
23 Print Name _____
24 Print Street Address _____
25 Print City, State, Zip Code _____

26 Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the
27 signatory to the penalty of the law.

28 RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment
29 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude
30 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.72.120 and 2005 c 239 s 2 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

1 Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the people for
2 their approval or rejection at the next ensuing general election must
3 be substantially in the following form:

4 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

5 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

6 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
7 Washington:

8 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
9 Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as
10 Initiative Measure No., entitled (here insert the established
11 ballot title of the measure), a full, true and correct copy of which is
12 printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legal
13 voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at
14 the general election to be held on the day of November,
15 (year); and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally
16 signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in
17 the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence
18 address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition
19 only once.

20 The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side of
21 the petition:

22 I,, swear or affirm under penalty of law
23 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to
24 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the
25 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of
26 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the
27 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
28 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
29 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any
30 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
31 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
32 fine or imprisonment or both.

33 Signature
34 Date of Signature
35 Print Name

1 Print Street Address

2 Print City, State, Zip Code

3 Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the
4 signatory to the penalty of the law.

5 RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment
6 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude
7 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.72.130 and 2005 c 239 s 3 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Petitions ordering that acts or parts of acts passed by the
14 legislature be referred to the people at the next ensuing general
15 election, or special election ordered by the legislature, must be
16 substantially in the following form:

17 The warning prescribed by RCW 29A.72.140; followed by:

18 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

19 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
20 Washington:

21 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
22 Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No.
23, filed to revoke a (or part or parts of a) bill that (concise
24 statement required by RCW 29A.36.071) and that was passed by the
25 legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular
26 (special) session of said legislature, shall be referred to the people
27 of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular (special)
28 election to be held on the day of November, (year); and each of
29 us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this
30 petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city
31 (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is
32 correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

33 The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side of
34 the petition:

1 I,, swear or affirm under penalty of law
2 that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to
3 the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the
4 foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of
5 compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the
6 information provided therewith is true and correct. I further
7 acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on
8 this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any
9 consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a
10 petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by
11 fine or imprisonment or both.

12 Signature _____
13 Date of Signature _____
14 Print Name _____
15 Print Street Address _____
16 Print City, State, Zip Code _____

17 Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the
18 signatory to the penalty of the law.

19 RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment
20 against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude
21 the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

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

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.72.170 and 2003 c 111 s 1818 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 The secretary of state may refuse to file any initiative or
28 referendum petition being submitted upon any of the following grounds:

- 29 (1) That the petition does not contain the information required by
30 RCW 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, or 29A.72.130.
- 31 (2) That the petition clearly bears insufficient signatures.
- 32 (3) That the time within which the petition may be filed has
33 expired.
- 34 (4) That the declaration printed on the reverse side of the

1 petition has not been properly signed and dated with a printed name and
2 address.

3 In case of such refusal, the secretary of state shall endorse on
4 the petition the word "submitted" and the date, and retain the petition
5 pending appeal.

6 If none of the grounds for refusal exists, the secretary of state
7 must accept and file the petition.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
10 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
11 immediately.

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