

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2614

State of Washington 61st Legislature 2010 Regular Session

By House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Liias, Carlyle, Flannigan, and White)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to signature gathering; amending RCW 29A.72.110,
2 29A.72.120, and 29A.72.130; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.72
3 RCW.

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 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 The following declaration must be printed on the reverse side of
12 the petition, and must be signed by the signature gatherer who
13 circulated the petition sheet after the sheet has been signed by
14 petitioners but before the petition is submitted to the secretary of
15 state:

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

- 27 Signature
- 28 Date of Signature
- 29 Print Name
- 30 Print Street Address
- 31 Print City, State, Zip Code

32 Signing this declaration constitutes an oath subjecting the
33 signatory to the penalty of the law. The declaration must be
34 individually signed by the signature gatherer. Stamps or other
35 signature reproductions may not be used.

36 RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment
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21 ~~print his or her name, and the address, city, and county at which he or~~
22 ~~she is registered to vote.))~~

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

25 Petitions ordering that acts or parts of acts passed by the
26 legislature be referred to the people at the next ensuing general
27 election, or special election ordered by the legislature, must be
28 substantially in the following form:

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

30 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

31 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
32 Washington:

33 We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of
34 Washington, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No.
35, filed to revoke a (or part or parts of a) bill that (concise
36 statement required by RCW 29A.36.071) and that was passed by the

1 legislature of the State of Washington at the last regular
2 (special) session of said legislature, shall be referred to the people
3 of the state for their approval or rejection at the regular (special)
4 election to be held on the day of November, (year); and each of
5 us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this
6 petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city
7 (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is
8 correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

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

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15 petitioners but before the petition is submitted to the secretary of
16 state:

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6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.72 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The secretary of state shall perform a manual verification and
9 canvass of all voter signatures on any petition page submitted to the
10 secretary of state without the declaration signed pursuant to RCW
11 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, or 29A.72.130.

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