
HOUSE BILL 2714

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding an element to local referendum ballot
2 titles; and amending RCW 29A.36.071.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.071 and 2006 c 311 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036, 82.46.021,
7 or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on an enactment
8 or portion of an enactment of a local government and any other question
9 submitted to the voters of a local government consists of (~~three~~)
10 four elements: (a) An identification of the enacting legislative body
11 and a statement of the subject matter; (b) a concise description of the
12 measure; (~~and~~) (c) the duration of the tax, if one is being proposed;
13 and (d) a question. The ballot title must conform with the
14 requirements and be displayed substantially as provided under RCW
15 29A.72.050, except that the concise description must not exceed
16 seventy-five words; however, a concise description submitted on behalf
17 of a proposed or existing regional transportation investment district
18 may exceed seventy-five words. If the local governmental unit is a
19 city or a town, the concise statement shall be prepared by the city or

1 town attorney. If the local governmental unit is a county, the concise
2 statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county.
3 If the unit is a unit of local government other than a city, town, or
4 county, the concise statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting
5 attorney of the county within which the majority area of the unit is
6 located.

7 (2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local
8 government shall be advertised in the manner provided for nominees for
9 elective office.

10 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another
11 provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of
12 ballot question or proposition.

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