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SENATE BILL 5920

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State of Washington

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2015 Regular Session

By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to time for filing initiative measures; and  
2 amending RCW 29A.72.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.72.030 and 2003 c 111 s 1804 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the people  
7 must be filed with the secretary of state within (~~ten~~) twenty  
8 months prior to the election at which they are to be submitted, and  
9 the signature petitions must be filed with the secretary of state not  
10 less than four months before the next general statewide election.

11 (2) Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the  
12 legislature must be filed with the secretary of state within (~~ten~~)  
13 twenty months prior to the next regular session of the legislature at  
14 which they are to be submitted, and the signature petitions must be  
15 filed with the secretary of state not less than ten days before such  
16 regular session of the legislature.

17 (3) A referendum measure petition ordering that any act or part  
18 of an act passed by the legislature be referred to the people must be  
19 filed with the secretary of state within ninety days after the final  
20 adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was passed.

1 It may be submitted at the next general statewide election or at a  
2 special election ordered by the legislature.

3 (4) A proposed initiative or referendum measure may be filed no  
4 earlier than the opening of the secretary of state's office for  
5 business pursuant to RCW 42.04.060 on the first day filings are  
6 permitted, and any initiative or referendum petition must be filed  
7 not later than the close of business on the last business day in the  
8 specified period for submission of signatures. If a filing deadline  
9 falls on a Saturday, the office of the secretary of state must be  
10 open for the transaction of business under this section from 8:00  
11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

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