
HOUSE BILL 2205

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By Representatives Cheney, Couture, Hutchins, and Graham

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing protections for citizens
2 participating in the initiative and referendum process; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 29A.84 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.84
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) No person may engage in the following activities within 25
8 feet of a person collecting signatures for or signing or attempting
9 to sign an initiative or referendum petition, unless each person
10 consents to the other person's engagement in such activities:

11 (a) Suggest or persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any
12 person to sign or decline to sign an initiative or referendum
13 petition;

14 (b) Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of a
15 person to collect signatures or sign an initiative or referendum
16 petition; or

17 (c) Engage in any activities restricted under (a) and (b) of this
18 subsection through electronic amplification located more than 100
19 feet from a person collecting signatures for or signing or attempting
20 to sign an initiative or referendum petition, if the person is
21 capable of being understood at that distance.

1 (2) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a violation
2 of RCW 29A.84.250(4).

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