

FORMATTING NOTE:

In initiatives, legislative bills and other proposed measures, language that is to be deleted from current statutes is represented by a "strikethrough" character and language that is to be added is underlined. Because these special characters cannot be formatted in all Internet browsers, a different set of symbols is used for presenting these proposals on-line. The symbols are as follows:

- Text that is surrounded by (({- text here -})) is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- Text that is surrounded by {+ text here +} is text that will be ADDED TO the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
- {+ NEW SECTION+} (found at the beginning of a section or paragraph) indicates that ALL of the text in that section will become law if the proposed measure is approved.

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INITIATIVE 203

AN ACT Relating to electronic voting on national initiatives and referendums; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. The legislature of the state of Washington hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under authority of Article V of the United States Constitution, that Congress call a constitutional convention, to be independent of, and not subject to rule by, Congress, for the purpose of considering section 3 of this act as an amendment to the United States Constitution together with consideration of any and all other proposals for amendments to the United States Constitution by the several states together with any other business the convention may deem necessary and proper for its consideration.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 2. Recognizing that no state is empowered by the Constitution to write a specific proposed amendment, that this power is specifically limited to either Congress or a constitutional convention, the legislature requests the constitutional convention to consider proposing an amendment as outlined in section 3 of the act and submitting it to the several states for their ratification.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 3. The proposed amendment must include the following provisions:

(1) All acts of Congress, regardless of their nature, are subject to review and approval by means of electronic initiative, referendum, or general vote, as properly applies. Electronic vote must replace all other forms of voting and must include the right of election and selection; both methods of voting must be employed in balloting, as they properly apply.

(2) All United States Supreme Court decisions, or a decision of an inferior court, whether of the United States or of the several states, after suffering all possible court appeal, in which the ruling determines an act of the legislature, either state or national, or any regulation, executive action, or court ruling in which it is determined by the court that same decision, act, regulation, or action is unconstitutional and contrary to the United States Constitution, must, before becoming a final and effective ruling, be submitted to review

and approval by the people in electronic ballot. If the people reject the court ruling, then the court's ruling is determined to have been overruled. There is no appeal to this vote except by a like vote.

(3) The Supreme Court, or an inferior court, either of the United States or of the several states, are forbidden from finding an election by the people, either in federal elections or in the several states on any issue, to be void or unconstitutional, and only an election by the people may overturn an election. Elections by the people are considered supreme to any other act of the government. However, if the question is posed to the court regarding fraud in the election or other irregularities, the court may act to void the election and provide for a new election.

(4) All Presidential actions, unless they are specifically and expressly designated in the Constitution as powers of the President to act, must, upon the submission of a referendum questioning the actions, be approved by a vote of the people through electronic ballot.

(5) All regulations, acts, rules, or decisions by an agency, bureau, or department of the United States government, or of the several states, is subject to electronic initiative and referendum before the regulation, act, rule, or decision may take effect and may be changed or voided by a vote of the people at any time after the regulation, act, rule, or decision is approved.

(6) Any tax increase proposed by the Congress, must, before it takes effect, be approved by the people through electronic vote with at least sixty percent of those voting granting approval for the tax increase.

(7) A mandatory death penalty is the punishment for any citizen of the United States who in any way tampers with, interferes with, effects, or otherwise distorts any electronic vote of the people. The sentence, once determined in court, is not appealable.

(8) Any tampering, interference, effectuation, or distortion of an electronic vote of the people by a foreign source, either sovereign or individual, is considered an act of war by the United States.

(9) The Congress, by law, must establish full access for all citizens for the purpose of electronic voting and appropriate those funds as are required to accomplish the same. The government must provide full disclosure of all records necessary for the purpose of electronic voting regarding an issue that may be raised either in initiative or referendum.

(10) This amendment must be construed to provide the people the broadest possible control of the United States government and no action of the government is exempt from the provisions of this amendment, nor shall this amendment be construed in any way restricting the right of the people to regulate their government through lawful electronic vote.

(11) All electioneering for office either federal or among the several states, together with any electioneering regarding any issue placed for electronic vote, either in general or special election, together with initiative and referendum, shall be limited to electronic vote.

(12) All electioneering done under electronic voting must be sourced as to the identity of the sender, and all electioneering information must be linked. All servers shall be secure.

(13) The government, except as is required to establish and maintain the specifications of electronic voting, is forbidden from otherwise regulating the medium known as the Internet or any equivalent system, unless the regulation is first approved by at least two-thirds of those voting in a special election. No regulation or act may be proposed by Congress or the states to reduce or remove the right of

electronic vote and its authority to regulate the government.

(14) The Congress, with the approval of the voters as prescribed in this section, has the power to prescribe legislation for this amendment in order to carry out its provisions.

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