

INITIATIVE 803

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 803 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

AN ACT Relating to the requirements necessary to pass a supermajority vote requirement by the legislature, cities, counties and port commissions before they can raise revenues via taxes and fees or can expend revenues for the public good and wellbeing, adding a new RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This Act shall be known as the Taxpayer and Voter Fairness Act. It is the belief of the voters of this state that a fair and just society is one that rules by majority vote. To require supermajority votes by the state legislature, cities, counties or port commissions for raising taxes or fees or for expenditures of public money for the public good and well being means that a minority of elected officials control the future of our state. This is contrary to the over 200 year old tradition of our democratic society and allows for the tyranny of a minority over a majority. To require a 2/3 vote to pass revenue legislation, for example, means that 2/3 of our elected officials would have 1/2 the voting power of the other 1/3. This violates the basic democratic principle of one person one vote giving everyone's elected representatives equal voting power.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless voters amend the state constitution; any legislation passed by the legislature or any initiative passed by the people or the legislature that requires a supermajority vote to raise taxes or fees for the public good and well being, by the state, counties, cities or port commissioners shall be required to pass by that same supermajority to become law.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Unless voters amend the state constitution; any legislation passed by the legislature, or any initiative passed by the people or the legislature, that sets limits on expenditures for the public good and well being, by the state, counties, cities or

ports, by requiring a supermajority vote on future expenditures shall be required to pass by that same supermajority to become law.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Any legislation passed by the legislature or the people since Jan. 1, 1990 that required a supermajority vote to either raise taxes or fees or expend public money for the public good and well being shall be repealed on the effective date of this Act.