

1 TITLE: MODERN ELECTRONIC PETITION PROCESS

2 AN ACT relating to the process and format of collection and
3 certification of signatures required for petitioning initiatives to
4 the ballot, establishing a secure method of paperless petitioning;
5 amending RCW 29A.72.100.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec 1.** The process for certifying initiatives and
8 referendum is antiquated, natural resource heavy, and prone to
9 fraudulent or erroneous opportunities so much that the state
10 recommends a 25% buffer in signature gathering to account for these
11 process failures. The Secretary of State, being mindful of the waste
12 due to fraud and natural resource loss, must adapt to more efficient
13 technologies favoring secure processes.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec 2.** Provided that the person proposing the measure has
15 been given a choice between electronic or paper form submittal and has
16 chosen to electronically submit their measure,

- 17 (a) The person proposing the measure shall be provided a secure
18 electronic webpage, in standard text based format, where
19 electronic signatures may be gathered, counted, and certified
20 valid.
- 21 (b) The formatting of the webpage shall consist of prescribed
22 warning and title, be in the form required by RCW 29A.72.110,
23 29A.72.120, or 29A.72.130, and have a readable, full, true,
24 and correct copy of the proposed measure.
- 25 (c) The webpage shall be made available upon completion of actions
26 required by 29A.72.090.

27 AMENDED SECTION. **Sec 3.** Provided that the person proposing the measure
28 has been given a choice between electronic or paper form submittal and
29 has chosen to manually submit their measure by paper process,

- 30 (a) The person proposing the measure shall print blank petitions
31 upon single sheets of paper of good writing quality (including
32 but not limited to newsprint) not less than eleven inches in
33 width and not less than fourteen inches in length. Each
34 petition at the time of circulating, signing, and filing with
35 the secretary of state must consist of not more than one sheet
36 with numbered lines for not more than twenty signatures, with
37 the prescribed warning and title, be in the form required by
38 RCW 29A.72.110, 29A.72.120, or 29A.72.130, and have a
39 readable, full, true, and correct copy of the proposed measure
40 printed on the reverse side of the petition.