

Initiative Measure No. 527 filed September 27, 2012

Let the Voters Decide on Red-Light Cameras

AN ACT Relating to automatic ticketing cameras and speed indicator lights; adding a new section to chapter 46.63 RCW; repealing RCW 46.63.170; and creating new sections.

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

POLICIES AND PURPOSES

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For-profit camera surveillance is simply taxation-through-citation. The people intend to limit the costs of for-profit camera surveillance by requiring the removal of automatic ticketing cameras that have not been approved by voters at an election and requiring the installation of speed indicator lights in school zones.

**REQUIRES THE REMOVAL OF AUTOMATIC TICKETING CAMERAS
NOT APPROVED BY VOTERS AT AN ELECTION**

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.63 RCW to read as follows:

All automatic ticketing cameras installed or in use as of the date of passage of this measure must be removed no later than the

effective date of this act unless the camera program was subjected to a public vote and received the approval of voters at an election in that jurisdiction. Any government and any for-profit company contracted by any government may not install or use automatic ticketing cameras to impose fines from camera surveillance unless such a system is approved by a majority vote of the governing body of the governmental entity and a majority vote of the people at a general election. Any government that is under contract to use automatic ticketing cameras must pay the monthly fee for the automatic ticketing cameras but must stop issuing tickets no later than the effective date of this act. For the purposes of this chapter, "automatic ticketing cameras" include red-light cameras, speed cameras, and other for-profit camera surveillance which is a device that uses a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with an intersection traffic control system, a railroad grade crossing control system, a speed measuring device, or a device that is affixed to a vehicle, and a camera synchronized to automatically record one or more sequenced photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images of the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop when facing a steady red traffic control signal or an activated railroad grade crossing control signal, exceeds a speed limit in a school speed zone as detected by a speed measuring device, or commits an infraction identified in RCW 46.61.370(1).

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.63.170 and 2012 c 85 s 3 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** An extensive network of speed indicator lights must be installed in all school zones no later than July 1, 2014. It is the responsibility of each city to fund the speed indicator lights in its jurisdiction unless the school zone is in an unincorporated area in which case it is the responsibility of the county to fund them.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is called the "Let the Voters Decide on Red-Light Cameras."

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