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Olympia Washington

Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 1537

Penalties/signature gatherers/registered voters
Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

There are no requirements for a signature gatherer on an initiative referendum or recall petition to be a registered Washington State voter. Oregon requires such signature gatherers to be registered voters and people who gather signatures in violation of this requirement are subject to civil penalties.

SUMMARY:

Signature gatherers on initiative referendum or recall petitions must be registered voters in Washington State.

A person who obtains or attempts to obtain signatures on an initiative referendum, or recall petition without being a registered Washington State voter is subject to a civil penalty up to \$500 per each violation. A person who hires someone who is not a registered Washington State voter to obtain or attempt to obtain signatures on an initiative referendum or recall petition is subject to a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per violation.

FISCAL NOTE: Not Requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill declares an emergency and takes effect immediately.