
SENATE BILL 5499

State of Washington 63rd Legislature 2013 Regular Session

By Senators Benton, Hasegawa, and Baumgartner

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1 AN ACT Relating to time for filing initiative measures; and
2 amending RCW 29A.72.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.72.030 and 2003 c 111 s 1804 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the people must
7 be filed with the secretary of state within (~~ten~~) twenty months prior
8 to the election at which they are to be submitted, and the signature
9 petitions must be filed with the secretary of state not less than four
10 months before the next general statewide election.

11 (2) Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the legislature
12 must be filed with the secretary of state within (~~ten~~) twenty months
13 prior to the next regular session of the legislature at which they are
14 to be submitted, and the signature petitions must be filed with the
15 secretary of state not less than ten days before such regular session
16 of the legislature.

17 (3) A referendum measure petition ordering that any act or part of
18 an act passed by the legislature be referred to the people must be
19 filed with the secretary of state within ninety days after the final

1 adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was passed. It
2 may be submitted at the next general statewide election or at a special
3 election ordered by the legislature.

4 (4) A proposed initiative or referendum measure may be filed no
5 earlier than the opening of the secretary of state's office for
6 business pursuant to RCW 42.04.060 on the first day filings are
7 permitted, and any initiative or referendum petition must be filed not
8 later than the close of business on the last business day in the
9 specified period for submission of signatures. If a filing deadline
10 falls on a Saturday, the office of the secretary of state must be open
11 for the transaction of business under this section from 8:00 a.m. to
12 5:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

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