

1 SUB. HB136

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDA MODIFICATIONS

HB136 increases transparency and integrity in the initiative and referendum process. It gives the public more information of who is soliciting their signature and what they are signing.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Prohibits signature gatherers from receiving payment per signature.*
- Requires paid signature gatherers to wear a badge identifying themselves as a paid signature gatherer. The badge would also include a unique identification number that could be used to identify a paid signature gatherer.
- Requires: the Lieutenant Governors Office to post statewide initiatives and referenda on their website; County clerks to post local initiatives and referenda on their website—along with information on how a signatory could remove their signature from the initiative/referendum
- Requires signature gatherers to leave a slip of paper with those who signed the petition with a hyperlink to the initiative/referendum.
- Adds a section for an email address on initiative and referendum signature packets (optional). The sponsor of an initiative is required to send an email to those who shared their email address with the pdf of the initiative as well as information on how they can remove their signature. (Not required for referenda).
- Allows gathers to have either a paper or digital copy of the initiative or referendum for signatories to read prior to signing an initiative or referendum.
- Aligns with HB211 changes in sections in 20A-7-204, 20A-7-206, 20A-7-304, 20A-7-506

