

ORDINANCE NO. 2602

AN ORDINANCE relating to referendum and initiative petitions; amending Ordinance 159, Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Ordinance 834, Section 1, and K.C.C. 1.16.030, 1.16.050, 1.16.060, 1.16.080 and 1.16.100 as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 159, Section 3, and K.C.C. 1.16.030 are hereby amended as follows:

Time for filing initiative and referendum petitions.

Initiative petitions containing the required signatures of registered voters of the county as provided in Section 230.40 of the Charter, must be filed within sixty days from the date of approval of such form by the clerk of the council. If petitioner fails to file such petition within the prescribed time limit, it shall have no validity and the petition will not be considered by the council as an initiative petition.

Referendum petitions containing the required signatures of registered voters of the county, as provided in Section 230.40 of the Charter, must be filed within ((sixty)) forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinances to be referred to the voters. If the petitioner fails to file such petition within the prescribed time limit, it shall have no validity and will not be referred to the voters.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 159, Section 5, and K.C.C. 1.16.050 are hereby amended as follows:

Ballot title - Formulation. Within five days after the ((weeeipe)) filing of an initiative measure or referendum petition with the clerk of the council, the prosecuting attorney shall prepare a ballot title and transmit it to the clerk of the council and the ((Department-of-Records-and-Elections)) Records and Elections Division bearing the serial number of the measure. The ballot title shall be a concise statement in the form of a question containing the essential features of the measure and not exceeding twenty words and may be drafted

1 in common language for greater clarity. The ballot title shall
2 be phrased in language so that a yes vote will clearly be a
3 vote in favor of the action or condition that would result from
4 the approval of the measure, and a no vote will clearly be a
5 vote in opposition to such action or condition. In the case
6 of a referendum to ratify or revoke some prior action, the
7 ballot title may refer directly to the prior action rather
8 than to the ratification or revocation of said action. The
9 ballot title prepared by the prosecuting attorney shall be
10 included in the referendum or initiative petition as provided
11 for in Section 7 and Section 8 of Ordinance 159, as amended.

12 SECTION 3. Ordinance 159, Section 6, and K.C.C. 1.16.060
13 are hereby amended as follows:

14 Ballot title - Notice to Proponents. Upon the filing
15 by the prosecuting attorney of the ballot title for an initiative
16 or referendum measure in that office, the ((~~Department of~~
17 ~~Records and Elections~~)) Records and Elections Division shall
18 forthwith notify the persons proposing the measure by mail, of
19 the exact language thereof. Thereafter, such ballot title
20 shall be the title of the measure in all proceedings in
21 relation thereto.

22 SECTION 4. Ordinance 159, Section 7, and K.C.C. 1.16.070
23 are hereby amended as follows:

24 Form of petitions for ordinances referred to people.
25 Petitions ordering that ordinances passed by the council be
26 referred to the people at the special or general election, as
27 provided in Article 2, Section 230.40 of the Charter, shall be
28 substantially in the following form:

29 "WARNING

30 Every person who signs this petition with any other
31 than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than
32 one of these petitions, or who signs this petition
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when he is not a legal voter, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be punished as provided by law.

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

To the Clerk of the King County Council, King County, Washington:

We, the undersigned citizens of King County, State of Washington and legal voters of the respective precincts set opposite our names, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No., entitled (here set forth the title of the ordinance) being an ordinance passed by the King County Council on the day of, 19..., and which would appear on the ballot in the following form:

(ballot title prepared by the prosecuting attorney)

shall be referred to the people of the County for their approval or rejection; and each of us for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of King County, State of Washington in the precinct, city or town written after my name, and my residence address is correctly stated. A full, true and correct copy of the ordinance is attached hereto ((and/or)) and on file with the Clerk of the Council and available for public inspection.

Petitioner's Signature	Petitioner's Printed Name	Residence Address Street and Number, (If any)	City or Town	Precinct Name or Number (If known)
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1 SECTION 5. Ordinance 159, Section 8, and K.C.C. 1.16.080
2 are hereby amended as follows:

3 Petitions to council - Form. Petitions for proposing
4 measures for submission to the King County council shall be
5 substantially in the following form:

6 "WARNING

7 Every person who signs this petition with any other
8 than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than
9 one of these petitions, or who signs this petition
10 when he is not a legal voter, or who makes herein
11 any false statement, shall be punished as provided
12 by law.

13 INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO
14 THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

15 To the Clerk of the King County Council, King
16 County, Washington:

17 We, the undersigned citizens of King County, State
18 of Washington and legal voters of the respective
19 precincts set opposite our names, respectfully direct
20 that this petition and the proposed measure known
21 as Initiative Measure No., ((entitled
22 ~~(here-set-forth-the-established-ballot-title-of-the~~
23 ~~measure))) and which would appear on the ballot in
24 the following form:~~

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26 (ballot title prepared by the prosecuting attorney)

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28 a full, true and correct copy of which is hereby
29 attached, ((and/or)) and on file with the Clerk of
30 the Council and available for public inspection,
31 shall be transmitted to the King County Council, and
32 we respectfully petition the Council to enact said
33 measure into law; and, if not enacted within ninety

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days from the time of presentment, then to be placed on the ballot at the next regular or special election for approval by the voters of King County; and each of us for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of King County, State of Washington in the precinct, city or town written after my name and residence address is correctly stated.

Petitioner's Signature	Petitioner's Printed Name	Residence Address Street and Number, (If any)	City or Town	Precinct Name or Number (If known)
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SECTION 6. Ordinance 834, Section 1, and K.C.C. 1.16.100 are hereby amended as follows:

Canvass and count of signatures - Statistical sampling authorized. When petitions for initiative and/or referendum action are filed with the county council, the ((Department-of Records-and-Elections)) Records and Elections Division shall forthwith proceed to canvass and count the names of the legal voters thereon. The ((Department-of-Records-and-Elections)) Records and Elections Division may use any statistical sampling techniques for this canvass which have been approved by the county council. Provided, that no petition will be rejected on the basis of any statistical method employed; provided further, that no petition will be accepted on the basis of any statistical method employed if such method indicates that the petition contains less than one hundred ten percent of the requisite number of signatures of legal voters. If the ((Department-of Records-and-Elections)) Records and Elections Division finds the same name signed to more than one petition it shall reject the

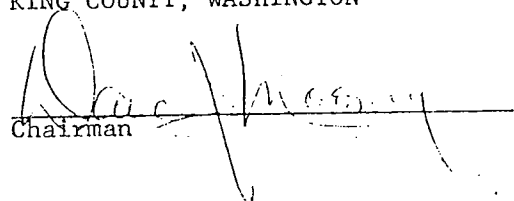
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name as often as it appears. After the petitions are processed,
the ((Department-of-Records-and-Elections)) Records and Elections
Division shall transmit a certified copy of the facts relating
to the filing of the petition and canvass thereof.

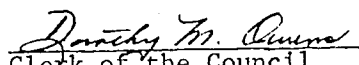
INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 1st day of
December, 1975.

PASSED this 19th day of January, 1976.

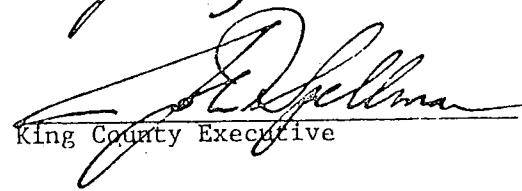
KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 21st day of January, 1976.


King County Executive