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LEGISLATIVE BILL 367

FINAL READING

Introduced by Groene, 42.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to petition circulators; to amend sections
2 32-630 and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
3 eliminate a restriction on paying petition circulators as
4 prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 sections.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-630, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 32-630 (1) Each person who signs a petition shall, at the time of
4 and in addition to signing, personally affix the date, print his or her
5 last name and first name in full, and affix his or her date of birth and
6 address, including the street and number or a designation of a rural
7 route or voting precinct and the city or village or a post office
8 address. A person signing a petition may use his or her initials in place
9 of his or her first name if such person is registered to vote under such
10 initials. No signer shall use ditto marks as a means of personally
11 affixing the date or address to any petition. A wife shall not use her
12 husband's first name when she signs a petition but shall personally affix
13 her first name and her last name by marriage or her surname. Any
14 signature using ditto marks as a means of personally affixing the date or
15 address of any petition or any signature using a spouse's first name
16 instead of his or her own shall be invalid.

17 (2) Each circulator of a petition shall personally witness the
18 signatures on the petition and shall sign the circulator's affidavit.

19 (3) No person shall:

20 (a) Sign any name other than his or her own to any petition;

21 (b) Knowingly sign his or her name more than once for the same
22 petition effort or measure;

23 (c) Sign a petition if he or she is not a registered voter and
24 qualified to sign the same except as provided in section 32-1404;

25 (d) Falsely swear to any signature upon any such petition;

26 (e) Accept money or other thing of value for signing any petition;

27 or

28 (f) Offer money or other thing of value in exchange for a signature
29 upon any petition. ~~;~~

30 ~~(g) Pay a circulator based on the number of signatures collected.~~

31 Sec. 2. Section 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 32-1404 A signer of an initiative and referendum petition shall be a
3 registered voter of the State of Nebraska on or before the date on which
4 the petition is required to be filed with the Secretary of State and
5 shall meet the requirements of section 32-630. A person who circulates
6 initiative and referendum petitions shall comply with the requirements of
7 section 32-629 and subsection (2) of section 32-630 and with the
8 prohibitions contained in subdivisions (3)(a), (d), and (f), ~~and (g)~~ of
9 section 32-630.

10 Sec. 3. Original sections 32-630 and 32-1404, Reissue Revised
11 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.