

Substitute Amendment No. C-4

Proposed by Commissioner Grant Pelesky

Section 5.40 -- Initiative Procedures

(1) Any legal voter, or organization of legal voters of Pierce County may file an initiative proposal with the filing officer, who within five days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays shall confer with the petitioner to review the proposal as to form and style. The filing officer shall give the proposed initiative a number, which shall thereafter be the identifying number for the measure.

(2) The filing officer shall then transmit a copy of the proposal to the Prosecuting Attorney, who shall confer with the petitioner to review the legal aspects of the proposal, and who within ten days after receipt thereof, shall formulate a concise statement, posed as a positive question, not to exceed 20 words, which shall express and give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure. Such concise statement will be the ballot title.

(3) The petitioner then has 120 days to collect the signatures of the registered voters of the County equal in number to not less than ~~10~~ 8 percent of the number of votes cast in the County in the last executive election. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed measure, ordinance, or amendment to an ordinance and the ballot title.

(4) The filing officer shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, and if it is validated, submit the proposal to the people at the next general election that is not less than 120 days after the registering of the petition, unless the Council enacts the proposal without change or amendment.

(5) If the Council does not adopt the proposed measure and adopts a substitute measure concerning the same subject matter, the substitute proposal shall be placed on the same ballot with the initiative proposal; and the voters shall be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue is for accepting either, then the measure receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither measure shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue.