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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1382

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

Read first time January 17, 2024

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to ballot initiatives; to amend sections
2 32-630 and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
3 section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to
4 provide a restriction relating to payment of petition circulators;
5 to prohibit certain contributions to a ballot question committee; to
6 harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal
7 the original sections.
8 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; or -

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. Section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
11 2022, is amended to read:

12 49-1401 Sections 49-1401 to 49-14,142 and section 4 of this act
13 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Political Accountability
14 and Disclosure Act.

15 Sec. 4. No person, other than an individual, shall make any
16 contributions to a ballot question committee totaling more than twenty
17 thousand dollars. No ballot question committee shall accept any
18 contributions prohibited under this section.

19 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2025.

20 Sec. 6. Original sections 32-630 and 32-1404, Reissue Revised
21 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative
22 Supplement, 2022, are repealed.