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THE VOTER PROTECTION ACT

Bipartisan Review of Election Results

BALLOT TITLE- Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 1505 concerns electoral audits.

Concise Description: This measure would require that, prior to certification of each general election, county election officials conduct a hand-count audit of certain ballots tabulated in each county, with findings later reported to the legislature.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

This measure would require that, prior to a general election's certification, a company oversee a hand-count audit conducted by county officials of ballots in at least three races in twelve precincts per county. The company, races, and precincts would be selected through processes involving the major political parties. Public and party observers of the audit would be permitted to examine certain ballots. The company would report findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31st.

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

To the Honorable Steve Hobbs, Secretary of State of the State of Washington:
We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the State of Washington, respectfully direct that the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 1505, entitled The Voter Protection Act 3, a full, true and correct copy of which is printed on the reverse side of this petition, be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Washington for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2023 and each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Washington, in the city (or town) and county written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

WARNING: EVERY PERSON who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

<u>Signature (As on Voter Registration)</u>	<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u> <small>(Optional)</small>	<u>Address where you are registered</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
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Complete Text of Initiative 1505

AN ACT Relating to election audits that enhance election integrity; adding a new section to chapter 29A.60 RCW; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of the people of Washington to ensure an accurate vote count and to assure all voters that only legitimate votes are counted in Washington state elections.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29A.60 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Prior to certification of each general election, the following shall occur within each county: A company shall oversee a statistically significant manual hand count audit of ballots tabulated for a minimum of three agreed upon races and/or ballot issues, of no less than five percent of the total county vote, including duplicated and adjudicated ballots, in 12 voting precincts in the county. The three races and precincts selected for the audit shall be chosen by the leadership of the major political parties defined in RCW 29A.04.086, with each party choosing six precincts. If one of the party's representatives do not participate in the process, the other party's leadership shall choose the minimum of three races and/or ballot issues and all 12 of the precincts.

(2) For purposes of this section, "company" means an impartial, independent company selected to oversee the audit of a county's election as described in this section. The company must have experience in the election process or experience as professional auditors, or both. The company shall be selected by the leadership of the major political parties defined in RCW 29A.04.086 from a list of four recommendations with two companies being recommended by each party. If the two major parties cannot agree on a company to audit the county's election results, the company shall be chosen by the county canvassing board.

(3) The auditing method shall be a manual hand count of the physical ballots, performed by the county election department officials examining the votes marked on the ballots for each of the minimum of three agreed upon races and/or ballot issues selected for the individual precincts. The results of the manual hand count will be compared with the county's election results. If the leadership of the major political parties cannot agree on a minimum of three races and/or ballot issues, then the impartial company shall choose the races and/or ballot issues that are not agreed upon.

(4) In addition to the official party observers, public election observers must be allowed to observe all processes of the audit, including locating the ballots for each precinct, sorting and counting ballots, and access to any final reports of the audit done by the company. Observers must also be permitted to examine duplicated and adjudicated ballots from the precincts subject to the audit. The review of duplicated and adjudicated ballots must include an inspection of the original documents that show each voter's choices.

(5) By December 31st in the same year as the election, the company must submit a report to the legislature detailing the findings of the audit and any recommendations to improve ballot integrity in future elections.

PETITION GATHERER, SIGN HERE!

I, _____ swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. RCW 9A.46.020 applies to any conduct constituting harassment against a petition signature gatherer. This penalty does not preclude the victim from seeking any other remedy otherwise available under law.

NAME (signature) _____

PHONE _____

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Instructions

Return petition to:

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Turn in ***no later than December 19th 2022***
To be processed for the December 30th 2022
Secretary of State deadline.

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