

CHAPTER 96.

[Senate Bill No. 555.]

ELECTIONS—STATE MEASURES—
NOTICES—PUBLICATION.

AN ACT relating to elections; and amending sections 29.27.072, 29.27.074 and 29.27.076, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.072, 29.27.074 and 29.27.076.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 29.27.072 amended.

Section 1. Section 29.27.072, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.072 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections. State measures. Notices.

The secretary of state shall cause notice of the proposed constitutional amendments and laws authorizing state debts that are to be submitted to the people to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state and shall supplement publication thereof by radio and television broadcast as provided in RCW 65.16.130, 65.16.140, and 65.16.150.

RCW 29.27.074 amended.

Sec. 2. Section 29.27.074, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.074 are each amended to read as follows:

Notice—Publication—Contents.

The notice provided for in RCW 29.27.072 as amended in section 1 of this 1967 amendatory act shall set forth the following information:

- (1) A legal identification of the state measure to be voted upon.
- (2) The official ballot title of such state measure.
- (3) A brief statement explaining the constitutional provision or state law as it presently exists.
- (4) A brief statement explaining the effect of the state measure should it be approved.

(5) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in both the state senate and house of representatives.

Sec. 3. Section 29.27.076, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.27.076 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.27.076 amended.

The attorney general shall, by the first day of July preceding each general election, prepare the explanatory statements required in RCW 29.27.074 as amended in section 2 of this 1967 amendatory act. Such statements shall be prepared in clear and concise language and shall avoid the use of legal and other technical terms insofar as possible. Any person dissatisfied with the explanatory statement so prepared may at any time within ten days from the filing thereof in the office of the secretary of state appeal to the superior court of Thurston county by petition setting forth the proposed state measure, the explanatory statement prepared by the attorney general, and his objection thereto and praying for the amendment thereof. A copy of the petition and a notice of such appeal shall be served on the secretary of state and the attorney general. The court shall, upon filing of the petition, examine the proposed state measure, the explanatory statement, and the objections thereto and may hear argument thereon and shall, as soon as possible, render its decision and certify to and file with the secretary of state such explanatory statement as it determines will meet the requirement of RCW 29.27.072 through 29.27.076 as each are amended in this 1967 amendatory act. The decision of the superior court shall be final and its explanatory statement shall be the established explanatory statement. Such appeal shall be heard without costs to either party.

State measures. Notice. Explanatory statement by attorney general—Appeal.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1967.

Passed the House March 9, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1967.