

mit a proposed new savings bank to engage in business, by reason of any consideration contemplated by section 4 of this act, being section 3316 of Remington's Revised Statutes, the provisions of which, so far as applicable, including those relating to appeals, shall extend to applications to establish branches.

Passed the House March 9, 1933.

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Approved by the Governor March 17, 1933.

CHAPTER 144.

[H. B. 322.]

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

AN ACT relating to initiative and referendum and amending sections 5411, 5412 and 5414 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and section 1, chapter 130, Laws of 1929, and repealing section 5404 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and repealing sections 5406 and 5424 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, to be effective as to rural voting precincts after January 2, 1936.

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

SECTION 1. That section 5411 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 5411, Rem.
Comp. Stat.

Petition.

Filing of.

Section 5411. Upon filing such volumes of an initiative petition proposing a measure for submission to the legislature at its next regular session, the secretary of state shall forthwith in the presence of at least one person representing the advocates and one person representing the opponents of the proposed measure, should either desire to be present, proceed to canvass and count the names of legal voters, the names of such legal voters to be certified in rural voting precincts until January 2, 1936, on such petition. If he find the same name

Checking
of names.

signed to more than one petition he shall reject both names from the count. If, at the conclusion of the canvass and count, it shall appear that such petition bears the requisite number of names of legal voters, the secretary of state shall transmit a certified copy of such proposed measure to the legislature at the opening of its session together with a certificate of the facts relating to the filing of such petition and the canvass thereof.

SEC. 2. That section 5412 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 5412, Rem.
Comp. Stat.

Section 5412. The secretary of state shall, while making said canvass, keep a record of all names appearing on said petition which are not registered voters and of all names appearing more than once on said petition, and shall report the same to the prosecuting attorneys of the respective counties where such names were signed to the end that prosecutions may be had for violations of this act.

Names
appearing
illegally.

SEC. 3. That section 5414 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 5414, Rem.
Comp. Stat.

Section 5414. When the petition filed shall be a referendum petition or an initiative petition for submission of a measure to the people the secretary of state shall canvass and count the names of such petition within sixty days after filing and like proceedings shall and may be had thereon as provided in sections 5411, 5412 and 5413.

Counting
of names.

SEC. 4. That section 1, chapter 130 of the Laws of 1929, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends § 1,
ch. 130, Laws
of 1929.

Section 1. The person, persons, committee or organization filing any initiative or referendum petition proposing a measure, or ordering a referendum for submission to the people, and any other citizen or committee or organization of citizens

Arguments
pro and con;
filing of.

Number of
arguments
published
at expense
of state.

shall have the right at the time of filing such petition or within ten days after such petition has been accepted and filed, to file with the secretary of state for printing and distribution arguments advocating the proposed measure or referendum, and any citizen or committee or organization of citizens may, within twenty days after such petition has been accepted and filed, file an argument in opposition to such measure or referendum for printing and distribution: *Provided*, That not more than two separate arguments advocating such measure of referendum and not more than three separate arguments in opposition thereto shall be printed by and distributed at the expense of the state. If more than two arguments advocating or more than three arguments in opposition to such measure or referendum are filed, the secretary of state shall forthwith notify the persons filing the arguments advocating or in opposition to such measure or referendum of that fact, and if the persons filing such arguments do not agree among themselves within thirty days after the acceptance and filing of such petition as to which of said arguments shall be printed by the state, the secretary of state shall select for printing, binding and distribution, in addition to the argument advocating such measure filed by the persons proposing the same, one additional argument, and shall select three arguments in opposition to such measure, to be printed by the state. In making such selections the secretary of state shall select the argument advocating and the three arguments in opposition to the measure which he shall consider the strongest, taking into account the arguments proposed and the form in which they are presented. If in the opinion of the secretary of state any argument for or against a measure offered for filing contain any obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, defamatory or treason-

able matter or any language tending to provoke crime or a breach of the peace, or any language or matter the circulation of which through the mails is prohibited by any act of congress, the secretary of state shall refuse to file such argument: *Provided*, That the person submitting such argument for filing may appeal to a board of censors consisting of the governor, the attorney general and the superintendent of public instruction, and the decision of a majority of such board shall be final. Each such argument either for or against the measure shall not exceed two pages of the pamphlet hereinafter required to be published by the state and shall contain the serial designation and number of the measure and state the name of the person or organization advancing it. The person or organization filing such argument shall at the time of filing the same deposit with the secretary of state sufficient money, the amount to be estimated by the secretary of state, to cover all costs for paper, printing and binding over and above the costs of publishing the pamphlet without such argument. In the case of measures initiated by petition and submitted to the legislature and rejected by the legislature either with or without alternative measures proposed by the legislature, and alternatives passed by the legislature in lieu thereof, the person, committee or organization proposing the measure may likewise within six months after the adjournment of the session of the legislature at which such measure was submitted file an argument in support of the initiative measure, and may file an argument against the alternative measure, if any, and other citizens within six months after the adjournment of such session of the legislature may file arguments in support of or against such initiative measure or alternative measure and the legislature may by resolution file

Board of
censors.

Deposit
required.

Rejected by
legislature.

Filing of
arguments.

an argument in support of the alternative measure. But only two arguments in support of each measure, in addition to the argument filed by the proponents of the measure, and by the legislature, shall be printed by and distributed at the expense of the state, and if persons filing arguments do not agree among themselves as to what arguments shall be printed the secretary of state shall select arguments to be printed. Arguments for and against bills passed and referred to the people by the legislature, including amendments to the constitution proposed by the legislature, shall be filed, within six months after the adjournment of the session of the legislature at which such bills were passed, or constitutional amendments proposed, and selected and printed in the same manner.

Bills passed;
filing of
arguments.

Repeals
§§ 5404, 5406,
5424, Rem.
Comp. Stat.

Date
effective.

SEC. 5. That sections 5404, 5406 and 5424 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, be, and the same are, hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That the repeal of sections 5406 and 5424 shall not become effective as to rural voting precincts until January 2, 1936.

Passed the House March 4, 1933.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1933.