

(4) Section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1967, section 12, chapter 97, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., section 1, chapter 39, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 17, chapter 111, Laws of 1979 ex. sess., section 25, chapter 259, Laws of 1986 and RCW 18.26.030;

(5) Section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1980 and RCW 18.26.040;

(6) Section 5, chapter 171, Laws of 1967, section 21, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 18.26.050;

(7) Section 6, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.060;

(8) Section 2, chapter 46, Laws of 1980, section 28, chapter 287, Laws of 1984 and RCW 18.26.070;

(9) Section 8, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.080;

(10) Section 9, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.090;

(11) Section 11, chapter 171, Laws of 1967, section 2, chapter 39, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 26, chapter 259, Laws of 1986 and RCW 18.26.110; and

(12) Section 31, chapter 171, Laws of 1967 and RCW 18.26.900.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 30, 1987.

Passed the House March 16, 1987.

Passed the Senate April 7, 1987.

Approved by the Governor April 22, 1987.

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## CHAPTER 161

[Substitute House Bill No. 188]

### INITIATIVES OR REFERENDUMS—FILING PERIOD

AN ACT Relating to the time for filing initiatives; amending RCW 29.79.020; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.79.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.79-.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the people must be filed with the secretary of state within ten months prior to the election at which they are to be submitted, and the petitions therefor must be filed with the secretary of state not less than four months before the next general state-wide election.

Initiative measures proposed to be submitted to the legislature must be filed with the secretary of state within ten months prior to the next regular session of the legislature at which they are to be submitted and the petitions

therefor must be filed with the secretary of state not less than ten days before such regular session of the legislature.

A petition ordering that any act or part thereof passed by the legislature be referred to the people must be filed with the secretary of state within ninety days after the final adjournment of the legislative session at which the act was passed. It may be submitted at the next general state-wide election or at a special election ordered by the legislature.

A proposed initiative or referendum measure may be filed no earlier than the opening of the secretary of state's office for business pursuant to RCW 42.04.060 on the first day filings are permitted, and any initiative or referendum petition must be filed not later than the close of business on the last business day in the specified period for submission of signatures. If a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, the office of the secretary of state shall be open on that Saturday for the transaction of business under this section from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on that Saturday.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 11, 1987.

Passed the Senate April 13, 1987.

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## CHAPTER 162

[Substitute House Bill No. 763]

### INFORMED CONSENT FOR HEALTH CARE

AN ACT Relating to consent for health care; and adding a new section to chapter 7.70 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 7.70 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Informed consent for health care for a patient who is not competent, as defined in RCW 11.88.010(1)(b), to consent may be obtained from a person authorized to consent on behalf of such patient. Persons authorized to provide informed consent to health care on behalf of a patient who is not competent to consent shall be a member of one of the following classes of persons in the following order of priority:

(a) The appointed guardian of the patient, if any;

(b) The individual, if any, to whom the patient has given a durable power of attorney that encompasses the authority to make health care decisions;