

Section 1: An Act to Amend Compensation Methods for Petition Gatherers

Section 2: Amendments to Title 20A Chapter 7 Part 1 Section 104

20A-7-104. Signature gatherers -- Payments -- Badges -- Information -- Requirement to provide initiative or referendum for reading.

~~(1) A person may not pay a person to gather signatures under this chapter based on a rate per signature, on a rate per verified signature, or on the initiative or referendum qualifying for the ballot.~~

~~(2) A person that pays a person to gather signatures under this section shall base the payment solely on an hourly rate.~~

~~(3) A person may not accept payment made in violation of this section.~~

(4) An individual who is paid to gather signatures for a petition described in this chapter shall, while gathering signatures, wear a badge on the front of the individual's torso that complies with the following, ensuring that the information on the badge is clearly visible to the individual from whom a signature is sought:

- (a) the badge shall be printed in black ink on white cardstock and laminated; and
- (b) the information on the badge shall be in at least 24-point type and include the following information:
 - (i) an identification number that is unique to the individual gathering signatures, assigned by:
 - (A) for a statewide initiative or referendum, the lieutenant governor; or
 - (B) for a local initiative or referendum, the local clerk;
 - (ii) the title of the initiative or referendum;
 - (iii) the words "Paid Signature Gatherer"; and
 - (iv) the name of the entity paying the signature gatherer.

Section 3. If any provision of this act is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.