

SENATE BILL NO. 78—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the provisions relating to misconduct in the signing or filing of petitions. (BDR 15-770)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted-material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to petitions; revising the provisions relating to misconduct in the signing or filing of petitions; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person: (1) signs
2 the name of another person or of a fictitious person on a petition; (2) files a petition
3 or causes a petition to be filed knowing that the petition contains a false or
4 wrongful signature or statement; (3) signs his name to or withdraws his name from
5 a petition for any consideration, gratuity or reward; or (4) subscribes to any false
6 statement concerning his age, citizenship, residence or other qualification. (NRS
7 205.125) This bill increases the penalty, from a misdemeanor to a category D
8 felony, if a person: (1) signs the name of another person or of a fictitious person on
9 a petition; or (2) files a petition or causes a petition to be filed knowing that the
10 petition contains a false or wrongful signature or statement. This bill also prohibits
11 a person from: (1) adding to, revising or altering a petition with the intent to falsify
12 the name or any information concerning the age, citizenship, residence or other
13 qualifications of another person who signs the petition; or (2) offering or providing
14 any consideration, gratuity or reward to another person with the intent to induce the
15 other person to sign his own name to or withdraw his own name from a petition. A
16 person who commits one of these new crimes is guilty of a category D felony.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 205.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
205.125 ~~{Every person who shall willfully sign the name of
another person or of a fictitious person to or for any consideration,
gratuity or reward shall sign his own name to or withdraw his name
from any}~~

*1. A person shall not willfully sign the name of another
person, whether living or deceased, or of a fictitious person to any
petition. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is
guilty of a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in
NRS 193.130. Each false or wrongful signature on a petition in
violation of this subsection, whether related to a single petition or
multiple petitions, constitutes a separate offense.*

*2. A person shall not willfully add to, revise or alter any
petition with the intent to falsify the name or any information
concerning the age, citizenship, residence or other qualifications
of another person who signs the petition. A person who violates
the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a category D felony
and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. Each addition,
revision or alteration to a petition in violation of this subsection,
whether related to a single petition or multiple petitions,
constitutes a separate offense.*

*3. A person shall not willfully offer or provide any
consideration, gratuity or reward to another person with the intent
to induce the other person to sign his own name to or withdraw his
own name from any petition. A person who violates the provisions
of this subsection is guilty of a category D felony and shall be
punished as provided in NRS 193.130. Each offer or provision of
consideration, gratuity or reward to another person in violation of
this subsection, whether related to a single petition or multiple
petitions, constitutes a separate offense.*

*4. A person shall not, knowing that any petition contains any
false or wrongful signature, statement or information, file the
petition or cause the petition to be filed. A person who violates the
provisions of this subsection is guilty of a category D felony and
shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. Each filing of a
petition in violation of this subsection, whether related to a single
petition or multiple petitions, constitutes a separate offense.*

*5. A person shall not, for any consideration, gratuity or
reward, sign his own name to or withdraw his own name from any
petition. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is
guilty of a misdemeanor. Each signature on or withdrawal from a*



1 *petition in violation of this subsection, whether related to a single*
2 *petition or multiple petitions, constitutes a separate offense.*

3 6. *A person shall not, in signing his own name to any*
4 *petition, willfully subscribe to any false statement concerning his*
5 *age, citizenship, residence or other qualifications to sign the*
6 *petition. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is*
7 *guilty of a misdemeanor. Each subscription to a false statement in*
8 *violation of this subsection, whether related to a single petition or*
9 *multiple petitions, constitutes a separate offense.*

10 7. *As used in this section, "petition" means a* referendum or
11 other petition circulated in pursuance of any law of this State or any
12 municipal ordinance . ~~]; or in signing his name to such petition shall~~
13 ~~willfully subscribe to any false statement concerning his age,~~
14 ~~citizenship, residence or other qualifications to sign the same; or~~
15 ~~knowing that any such petition contains any such false or wrongful~~
16 ~~signature or statement shall file the same, or put the same off with~~
17 ~~intent that it should be filed, as a true and genuine petition, shall be~~
18 ~~guilty of a misdemeanor.}]~~

