

Senate Bill No. 78—Committee on Legislative
Operations and Elections

CHAPTER.....

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:

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

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 or residence 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, in signing his own name to any petition, willfully subscribe to any false statement concerning his age, citizenship, residence or other qualifications to sign the petition. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor. Each subscription to a false statement in violation of this subsection, whether related to a single petition or multiple petitions, constitutes a separate offense.

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

