

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 26, 2011

SENATE BILL

No. 448

Introduced by Senators DeSaulnier and Hancock

February 16, 2011

An act to add Section 101.5 to the Elections Code, relating to voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 448, as amended, DeSaulnier. Elections.

Existing law requires that any state or local initiative petition contain a statement, as described, notifying the public that the petition may be circulated by either a paid or a volunteer signature gatherer, and that the public has the right to ask.

This bill would require an individual who ~~receives compensation to circulate~~ *circulates* an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear a badge stating, in no smaller than 30-point font print, ~~that whether~~ he or she is a "paid signature gatherer" *or a "volunteer signature gatherer"* and that identifies if and where he or she is registered to vote. The bill would require the individual circulating the initiative, referendum, or recall petition to wear the badge on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked to sign the petition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.5 is added to the Elections Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 101.5. (a) (1) An individual who receives compensation to
- 4 circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition shall identify

1 himself or herself as a paid signature gatherer by wearing a badge
2 stating “PAID SIGNATURE GATHERER.”

3 (2) *An individual who does not receive compensation to*
4 *circulate an initiative, referendum, or recall petition shall identify*
5 *himself or herself as a volunteer signature gatherer by wearing a*
6 *badge stating “VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE GATHERER.”*

7 (b) An individual subject to this section shall identify the
8 jurisdiction in which he or she is registered to vote by placing on
9 the badge required by subdivision (a) the name of the county in
10 California in which he or she is registered to vote. If he or she is
11 not registered to vote, the badge shall state “NOT REGISTERED
12 TO VOTE.”

13 (c) The individual circulating an initiative, referendum, or recall
14 petition shall wear the badge required by subdivisions (a) and (b)
15 on his or her chest in clear view of all individuals signing or asked
16 to sign the petition.

17 (d) The print on the badge shall be no smaller than 30-point
18 font.