

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1457

Introduced by Assembly Member Obernolte

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 9610 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1457, as introduced, Obernolte. Petition circulator: certification: use of signatures.

Existing law requires a petition circulator, prior to soliciting signatures on an initiative petition, to execute and submit to the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering a signed statement, as specified. Existing law requires the person, company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge of signature gathering for the proposed initiative measure to keep the certification on file for not less than eight months after the certification of the results of the election for which the measure qualified, or if the measure, for any reason, is not submitted to the voters, eight months after the deadline for submission of the petition to the elections official.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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 9610 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:

1 9610. (a) ~~Prior to~~ *Before* soliciting signatures on an initiative
2 petition, a circulator shall execute and submit to the person,
3 company official, or other organizational officer who is in charge
4 of signature gathering a signed statement that reads as follows:

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6 I, ____, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section
7 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures
8 on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of
9 the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or
10 willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose
11 other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

12 _____
13 (Signature of Circulator)
14 Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__

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16 (b) The certification required by subdivision (a) shall be kept
17 on file by the person, company official, or other organizational
18 officer who is in charge of signature gathering for the proposed
19 initiative measure for not less than eight months after the
20 certification of the results of the election for which the measure
21 qualified, or if the measure, for any reason, is not submitted to the
22 voters, eight months after the deadline for submission of the
23 petition to the elections official.

24 (c) This section shall not apply to unpaid circulators of state or
25 local initiative petitions.

26 (d) Failure to comply with this section shall not invalidate any
27 signatures on a state or local initiative petition.