Initiative Measure No. 1084



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SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF WASHINGTON

- AN ACT Relating to public assistance eligibility requirements;
- 2 adding a new section to chapter 74.08 RCW; and repealing RCW
- 3 74.08A.100, 74.08A.110, and 74.08A.120.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 74.08 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The state shall award public assistance only to citizens of the 8 United States.
- 9 (2) The state may not award public assistance to persons who are 10 not citizens of the United States, regardless of whether they reside in 11 the country legally.
- 12 (3) The department shall verify citizenship of applicants for 13 public assistance through the federal department of homeland security.
 - (4) (a) Applicants for public assistance who falsify information other than social security numbers may be prosecuted for fraud.
- 16 (b) State employees who assist applicants for public assistance to 17 falsify information, including social security numbers, may be 18 prosecuted for fraud.

- (c) Applicants for public assistance who falsify social security numbers may be reported to the federal department of homeland security, immigration and customs enforcement.
- (5) Notwithstanding the definition in RCW 74.04.005, "public assistance" means temporary assistance for needy families, general assistance unemployable, housing assistance, energy assistance, food stamps, cash benefits, child care, medical assistance, nursing home, assisted living, adult family home, in-home care, special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and all other services provided by the state, except refugee cash assistance and alcoholism and drug addiction treatment and support.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
- 14 (1) RCW 74.08A.100 (Immigrants--Eligibility) and 2002 c 366 s 1 & 1997 c 57 s 1;
- 16 (2) RCW 74.08A.110 (Immigrants--Sponsor deeming) and 1997 c 57 s 2; 17 and
- 18 (3) RCW 74.08A.120 (Immigrants--Food assistance) and 1999 c 120 s 19 4 & 1997 c 57 s 3.

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