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INITIATIVE 804

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 804 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

AN ACT Relating to the state voter' pamphlet; and amending RCW 29.81.210 and adding a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 29.81.210 and 1999 c 260 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state shall, whenever at least one statewide measure or office is scheduled to appear on the primary or general election ballot, print and distribute a voters' pamphlet.

The secretary of state shall distribute the voters' pamphlet to each household in the state, to public libraries, to all news and broadcast media in the state, and to any other locations he or she deems appropriate. The secretary of state shall also produce taped or Braille transcripts of the voters' pamphlet, publicize their availability, and mail without charge a copy to any person who requests one.

The secretary of state shall ~~may~~ make the material required to be distributed by this chapter available to the public in electronic form, including on the state's official website. The secretary of state shall ~~may~~ provide the material in electronic form to computer bulletin boards, print and broadcast news media, community computer networks, and similar services. ~~at the cost of reproduction or transmission of the data~~

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The voters' pamphlet for the primary and general election shall contain a detailed summary of the state budget for the current biennium, along with any supplemental budget, detailing both revenue sources, including fees and taxes, and expenditures in detail, and shall include the use of graphs for explanation. The budgets shall be prepared by the governor's office.

The governor shall in addition prepare and present a summary of his projected budget in the general election voter's pamphlet for either the coming year or for the coming biennium. It shall include revenue forecasts and proposed budget changes.

The governor's office shall also do a detailed summary breakdown of all sources of state revenue and taxes and compare what taxpayers contribute to state revenues sources broken down by taxpayer income levels. A summary of the services provided by the state shall be presented. This shall include a comparison of how Washington State taxes, by category and overall taxes compare to other states. A more detailed analysis shall be available on the state's official website.

Information on access to state websites where additional and updated information on the complete budget can be found is to be included. An e-mail address and mailing address shall be included for the public to comment on the budget, including how money is raised and how it is spent. This feedback shall be available to the governor, the state legislature, the print and broadcast media and the public upon request.