

INITIATIVE 966

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. 966 to the People is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to illegal immigration; adding a new section to
2 chapter 74.04 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** INTENT. The intent of this act is to
5 prohibit illegal aliens from receiving public benefits unless mandated
6 by the federal government.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** SHORT TITLE. This act may be known and
8 cited as the Washington taxpayer and citizen protection act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 VERIFYING APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC BENEFITS--VIOLATION--
12 CLASSIFICATION--CITIZEN SUITS. (1) As used in this section, "public
13 benefits" means benefits from all nonfederally mandated programs in
14 this title and all nonfederally mandated state and local welfare
15 programs, including temporary assistance for needy families (TANF),
16 medicaid, food stamps, WIC, public housing, and their successor
17 programs.

1 (2) An agency of this state and all of its political subdivisions,
2 including local governments, that are responsible for the
3 administration of state and local public benefits that are not
4 federally mandated shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Verify the identity of each applicant for those benefits and
6 verify that the applicant is eligible for benefits as prescribed by
7 this section;

8 (b) Provide any other employee of this state or any of its
9 political subdivisions with information to verify the immigration
10 status of any applicant for those benefits and assist the employee in
11 obtaining that information from federal immigration authorities;

12 (c) Refuse to accept any identification card issued by the state or
13 any political subdivision of this state, including a driver's license,
14 to establish identity or determine eligibility for those benefits
15 unless the issuing authority has verified the immigration status of the
16 applicant; and

17 (d) Require all employees of the state and its political
18 subdivisions to make a written report to federal immigration
19 authorities for any violation of federal immigration law by any
20 applicant for benefits that is discovered by the employee.

21 (3) Failure to report discovered violations of federal immigration
22 law by an employee is a misdemeanor. If that employee's supervisor
23 knew of the failure to report and failed to direct the employee to make
24 the report, the supervisor is guilty of a misdemeanor.

25 (4) This section shall be enforced without regard to race,
26 religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin. Any person who is a
27 resident of this state shall have standing in any court of record to
28 bring suit against any agent or agency of this state or its political
29 subdivisions to remedy any violation of this section, including an
30 action for mandamus.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The provisions of this act are to be
32 liberally construed to effectuate the intent and purpose of this act in
33 favor of Washington state residents.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
35 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
36 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
37 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Captions used in this act are not any part
2 of the law.

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