

Klickitat County Voters' Pamphlet Guidelines for Ballot Measures

November 5, 2024 General Election Edition

Voters' Pamphlet Requirements (RCW 29A.32.241)

Measures appearing on every ballot are required to have a ballot title, explanatory statement and for and against committee appointments (in a roster signed by your board).

The for and against committees may submit arguments for or against the measure. If both committees submit arguments, rebuttals to submitted arguments by the opposite committee are allowed.

There will be an online voters' guide and a printed voters' pamphlet for every election.

Submissions

All explanatory statements, arguments and rebuttals shall be submitted electronically by emailing: voting@klickitatcounty.org.

Explanatory Statement (RCW 29A.32.241)

An explanatory statement is required and must be submitted by the district submitting the measure. The explanatory statement is an explanation of the ballot measure and must be written in clear and concise language, avoiding technical and legal terms when possible. Explanatory statements must not exceed 250 words. Submit the explanatory statement by the resolution deadline, August 6, 2024.

For and Against Committee Roster (RCW 29A.32.280)

The board of the district presenting the measure must formally appoint for and against committee members and create a roster for each committee signed by the board. Submit these rosters to the Auditor's Office by the resolution deadline, August 6, 2024.

If you have been unable to find committees to write the arguments either for or against the proposed measure, please notify the Auditor's Office by July 30, 2024. Document the steps your district has taken to find committee members, including advertising, for your records.

The roster must contain the committee member names and a phone number and email address that will be used by the Auditor's Office to supply information to the committee (this contact information does not have to be publicly listed in the voters' pamphlet).

For and Against Committee Roster (continued)

If the committee members want to supply a phone number or email address to be listed in the voters' pamphlet, include the public information in the roster. Each committee shall have no more than 3 members; however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. Once submitted, committee rosters may not be changed.

For and Against Committee Arguments

Arguments may contain up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words. Each committee will be allowed to submit one argument. Once submitted, arguments cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by the Auditor's Office or court order. Arguments are due the Monday following the resolution deadline, August 8, 2024.

All arguments must be in paragraph format without indentations. The body of your argument may not include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis. The heading will be printed in bold type.

Each argument or rebuttal must be followed by the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may include a telephone number or email address that citizens may use to obtain information on that ballot measure. This information does not count toward any word limits.

For and Against Committee Rebuttals

After both sides submit their arguments, the Elections Department will transmit the arguments to the opposite committee so they may write a rebuttal argument.

Committees have 2 business days to submit their rebuttals, August 12, 2024.

Rebuttals may not interject new points.

A rebuttal may consist of up to 75 words in 1 paragraph with no indentations or headings. It may not include bold, underlining, or all caps, but italics are permitted for emphasis.

Once submitted, rebuttals cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by Auditor's Office or court order.

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Review

A proof copy of the page as it will appear in the voters' pamphlet will be sent to each committee for review. Only errors made by the Auditor's Office may be corrected. Changes must be received within 1 business day after proofs are sent to committees.

Questions

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