

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1299

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to initiative and referendum; amending 34 O.S. 2021, Section 3, which relates to signatures collected for petitions; directing the Secretary of State to design a website for collection of signatures; directing for petition to appear above place for signature; requiring signers read and acknowledge warning; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 34 O.S. 2021, Section 3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. A. Each initiative petition and each referendum petition shall be duplicated for the securing of signatures. The Secretary of State shall design a form, subject to change, for signatures that shall be used by proponents of initiatives or referendums when collecting signatures, and each sheet for signatures shall be attached to a copy of the petition. Each copy of the petition and sheets for signatures is hereinafter termed a pamphlet. On the outer page of each pamphlet shall be printed the word "Warning", and underneath this in ten-point type the words, "It

1 is a felony for anyone to sign an initiative or referendum petition
2 with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or
3 her name more than once for the measure, or to sign such petition
4 when he or she is not a legal voter." A simple statement of the
5 gist of the proposition shall be printed on the top margin of each
6 signature sheet.

7 B. The Secretary of State shall design a website, subject to
8 change, for the electronic collection of signatures to be used by
9 proponents of initiatives or referendums. Above the place for
10 electronic signature shall be a copy of the petition. Before
11 providing an electronic signature, signers shall have to read
12 through a page that lists "Warning", and underneath this in ten-
13 point type the words, "It is a felony for anyone to sign an
14 initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his or
15 her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the
16 measure, or to sign such petition when he or she is not a legal
17 voter." Signers shall click a check box certifying they have read
18 and understood the warning.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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