

Second State Civil Service Initiative Filed

By The Associated Press

A second civil service initiative for Washington state employes was filed with Secretary of State Victor A. Meyers Wednesday.

The measure, sponsored by the Washington Federation of State Employes (AFL-CIO) was endorsed Saturday by the executive board of Employes Association.

An earlier civil service initiative was filed by a rival independent organization, the Washington State Employes Assn.

The WSEA initiative was given number 204. The WFSE measure was given number 207.

Both groups have until July 8 to obtain the required 90,319 supporting signatures of registered voters to put the measure to a vote of the people at the November election.

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Norm Schut, executive secretary of the Federation of State Employes, said the WFSE initiative would provide a single civil service system for most state employes. Exceptions would be made for the State Patrol, where the present merit system for officers would be left intact.

The Highway Commission would be required to appoint a three-member board to administer the civil service program as outlined for highway employes.

And the Boards of Regents or trustees of the five schools of higher education would be required to name three of their members to a personnel committee to administer a civil service program for each of their respective universities or colleges.

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Administration of the civil service system for other state employes would be by a three-member state personnel board, a department of personnel and a director of personnel.

The WSEA initiative has similar exemptions for uniformed members of the State Patrol employes in the five State Schools of higher education employes and members of the Legislature and lawyers employed by the attorney general.