WAC 434-381-170 Statement and argument format. (1) Statements or arguments submitted for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet shall not exceed the word limit set by statute.

(a) Arguments for or against measures may contain up to four headings used to highlight major points in the argument and will count toward the maximum word count set for arguments. Rebuttals may not contain headings;

(b) The four headings may not exceed 15 words for each heading.

(2) Statements and arguments submitted to the office of the secretary of state shall be printed in a format that in the opinion of the secretary will provide the best reproduction.

(a) Statements and arguments will be laid out in a standard font without the use of boldface, underlining, or all capitalized letters;

(b) Italics may be used to add emphasis to statements or arguments;

(c) Argument headings will be laid out in boldface letters; and

(d) Statements are limited to one paragraph per 50 words. Arguments are limited to four paragraphs. Rebuttals are limited to one paragraph.

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