

Initiatives to the People: 1914 through 2003

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INITIATIVE NO. 1 (Statewide Prohibition) Filed January 2, 1914. Refiled as Initiative Measure No. 3.

INITIATIVE NO. 3 (Statewide Prohibition) Filed January 8, 1914. Submitted to the voters at the state general election held on November 3, 1914 and approved by the following vote: For - 189,840 Against - 171,208. Act is now identified as Chapter 2, Laws of 1915.

INITIATIVE NO. 24 (Brewers' Bill) Filed April 20, 1916. Submitted to the voters at the state general election held on November 7, 1916 and rejected by the following vote: For - 98,843 Against - 245,399.

INITIATIVE NO. 25 (Repealing Statewide Prohibition) Filed May 11, 1916. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 26 (Making the State a Prohibition District) Filed October 13, 1916. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 61 (Relating to Intoxicating Liquors) Filed January 9, 1932. Submitted to the voters at the state general election held on November 8, 1932 and approved by the following vote: For - 341,450 Against - 208,211. Act is now identified as Chapter 2, Laws of 1933.

INITIATIVE NO. 72 (Distribution of Highway Funds) Filed January 8, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 79 (Liquor Control) Filed February 20, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 80 (Liquor Control) Filed February 24, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 81 (Liquor Control) Filed February 28, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 88 (Liquor Control) Filed March 24, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 95 (Liquor Control) Filed May 26, 1934. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 121 (Beer on Sunday) Filed May 14, 1936. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 125 (Tax on Intoxicating Liquors) Filed February 15, 1938. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 136 (Relating to Retail Beer and Wine Licenses) Filed June 3, 1938. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 140 (Liquor Control) Filed January 9, 1940. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 148 (Liquor Control) Filed May 18, 1940. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 150 (Intoxicating Liquor Sold by the Drink) Filed January 3, 1942. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 163 (Prohibiting the Sale of Beer or Wine by any Person other than the State of Washington) Filed January 9, 1946. Signatures were submitted and found insufficient to qualify the measure for the 1946 general election ballot.

INITIATIVE NO. 164 (Prohibiting the Sale of Fortified Wines) Filed February 26, 1946. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 165 (Providing for the Sale of Liquor by the Drink) Filed March 1, 1946. Signatures were submitted and found insufficient to qualify the measure for the 1946 general election ballot.

INITIATIVE NO. 167 (Providing for Liquor by the Drink at Licensed Establishments) Filed January 2, 1948. Signatures were submitted and found insufficient to qualify the measure for the 1948 general election ballot.

INITIATIVE NO. 168 (Providing Liquor by the Drink for Consumption on Premises where Sold) Filed January 2, 1948. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 171 (Providing Liquor by the Drink with Certain Restrictions) Filed January 19, 1948. Signature petitions filed July 7, 1948 and found sufficient. Submitted to the voters at the state general election held on November 2, 1948 and approved by the following vote: For - 416,227 Against - 373,418. Act is now identified as Chapter 5, Laws of 1949.

INITIATIVE NO. 182 (Repealing Sunday Blue Laws) Filed March 24, 1952. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 194 (Restricting Television Alcoholic Beverage Advertising) Filed March 26, 1954. Submitted to the voters at the state general election held on November 2, 1954 and rejected by the following vote: For - 207,446 Against - 615,794.

INITIATIVE NO. 205 (Authorizing Tavern Spirituous Liquor Licenses) Filed January 8, 1960. Signature petitions filed July 8, 1960 and found sufficient. Submitted to the voters at the November 8, 1960 state general election and rejected by the following vote: For - 357,455 Against - 799,643.

INITIATIVE NO. 222 (Reallocation of Liquor Sales Revenue) Filed February 20, 1964 by the More & Better Schools for Washington, Lloyd M. Brown, President. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 223 (Extending Saturday Night Closing Hours) Filed February 26, 1964 by the Citizens Committee for Sensible Closing Hours, Chester W. Ramage, President. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 229 (Repealing Sunday Activities Blue Law) Filed February 17, 1966 by Lembhard G. Howell, David Sternhoff and Mark Petterson. 187,463 signatures were filed on July 6, 1966 and found sufficient. Measure submitted to the voters at the November 8, 1966 state general election and approved by the following vote: For 604,096 Against - 333,972. Act is now identified as Chapter 1, Laws of 1967.

INITIATIVE NO. 261 (Liquor Sales by Licensed Retailers) Filed January 10, 1972 by Warren B. McPherson and Robert B. Gould of Seattle. 122,241 signatures were filed on July 7, 1972 and found sufficient. Measure submitted to the voters at the November 7, 1972 state general election and rejected by the following vote: For - 634,973 Against - 779,568.

INITIATIVE NO. 262 (Minimum Age for Alcoholic Beverage Purchases) Filed January 13, 1972 by David G. Huey of Sedro Woolley. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 290 (Shall liquor prices be limited and revenue distribution formulas changed, a new seven-member liquor board created, and an administrator appointed?) Filed February 25, 1974 by Senator William S. "Bill" Day of Spokane. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 299 (Shall the tax on retail sales of liquor (spirits) in the original package be reduced by two cents per ounce?) Filed May 13, 1974 by Alfred J. Schweppe on behalf of the Citizens Committee for Lower Liquor Taxes. 134,695 signatures were submitted and found insufficient to qualify the measure for the 1974 general election ballot.

INITIATIVE NO. 302 (Shall the minimum age for the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages be lowered to 18 years?) Filed January 28, 1975 by Diahn Schmidt of Olympia. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 305 (Shall the legal age for the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages be lowered to 19 years?) Filed February 6, 1975 by Richard Spaulding and William G. Bowie, both of Cheney. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 326 (Shall grocery store sales of spirituous liquor be allowed, revenue distribution formulas changed, and the state liquor control board reconstituted?) Filed March 17, 1976 by Ruth Berliner of Tacoma. Sponsorship of initiative withdrawn May 17, 1976.

INITIATIVE NO. 332 (Shall the state be removed from the liquor business in favor of large grocers and certain other private business enterprises?) Filed April 19, 1976 by Robert B. Gould and Warren McPherson of Woodinville. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 334 (Shall the fluid ounce tax on spirituous liquor in the original package be lowered from four to two cents?) Filed April 29, 1976 by Juanita K. Heaton of Seattle. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 351 (Shall the age at which persons may purchase, consume or sell alcoholic beverages be lowered from 21 to 19 years?) Filed February 24, 1978 by Timothy J. Niggemyer of Spokane. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 353 (Shall all containers of alcoholic beverages clearly bear the warning "Contents may cause brain damage, communication breakdown and family degradation"?) Filed April 28, 1978 by June and Pam Riggs of Mountlake Terrace. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 355 (Relating to gambling and sale of liquor by the drink) Refiled as Initiative Measure No. 356.

INITIATIVE NO. 356 (Shall gambling and lotteries be permitted, and time and food sale limitations removed from sales of liquor by the drink?) Filed May 23, 1978 by James Banker of Renton. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 365 (Shall liquor retailing become a private business and a new five-member Liquor Control Board be created?) Filed February 22, 1979 by Dennis L. Weaver of Seattle. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 366 (Shall liquor retailing become a private business and any required food to liquor sales ratio in licensed restaurants be prohibited?) Filed February 22, 1979 by Dennis L. Weaver of Seattle. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 377 (Shall liquor retailing become a private business and any required food to liquor sales ratio in licensed restaurants be prohibited?) Filed January 24, 1980 by Walter M. Friel of Tacoma. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 390 (Shall private retailers replace state liquor stores with Sunday package sales permitted, tax rates revised and certain licensing conditions prohibited?) Filed April 1, 1980 by John Franco of Seattle. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 405 (Alcoholic beverages) Filed April 23, 1981 by Robert J. Corcoran of Puyallup. Measure was refiled as Initiative Measure No. 406.

INITIATIVE NO. 406 (Shall all liquor retailing become a private business subject to certain restrictions, and the tax on liquor sales be reduced?) Filed May 15, 1981 by Robert J. Corcoran of Puyallup. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 413 (Shall the present state owned and operated liquor distribution system be abolished and replaced with licensed privately owned liquor dealers?) Filed January 6, 1982 by Robert J. Corcoran of Puyallup. This measure refiled as Initiative Measure No. 434.

INITIATIVE NO. 434 (Shall the state owned and operated liquor distribution system be abolished and replaced with licensed privately owned liquor dealers?) Filed April 13, 1982 by Robert J. Corcoran of Puyallup. This initiative was withdrawn and later filed as initiative to the Legislature #78.

INITIATIVE NO. 460 (Shall an additional tax be imposed, on beer, liquor, and out-of-state wine, for crime victims, alcohol rehabilitation, enforcement, and education?) Filed on January 12, 1984 by E. C. Renas of Lynnwood. No signature petitions were presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 484 (Shall the state owned liquor stores be permanently closed and grocery stores and other outlets be licensed to sell liquor?) Filed on January 10, 1986 by Russell J. McCurdy of Seattle. This measure was refiled as Initiative Measure No. 487.

INITIATIVE NO. 487 (Shall state liquor stores, and state wholesaling of liquor, be discontinued and qualified grocery stores be licensed to sell liquor?) Filed on February 2, 1986 by Russell J. McCurdy of Seattle. No signature petitions were presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 598 (Shall alcohol sale be regulated to prohibit "happy hours" and limit the amount of alcohol served in any one drink?) Filed on February 19, 1993 by Brian Venable of Tacoma. No signature petitions were presented for checking.

INITIATIVE NO. 706 (Shall the existing system of state-owned liquor stores be abolished, and shall liquor be sold by private businesses regulated by the state liquor control board?) Filed on April 8, 1999 by Rachel Hawkrige of Kirkland. No signature petitions presented for checking.

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 823. (Statement of the Subject: Initiative Measure No. 823 concerns liquor sales. Concise Description: measure would abolish the liquor control board, and would permit any purveyor of pharmaceuticals or groceries to sell all of the liquor that has been sold by the liquor board since 1933.) Filed on January 6, 2003 by David A. Whitman of Seattle. No signature petitions were presented for checking.

INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 847. (Statement of the Subject: Initiative Measure No. 847 concerns employing dismissed Liquor Board employees. Concise Description: This measure would require any private merchant with ten or more employees, to be eligible to sell liquor in the state, to employ at least one former state liquor board employee until retirement.) Filed on February 10, 2003 by David A. Whitman of Seattle. No signature petitions were presented for checking.