

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Rosenbaum
Nays:	Thatcher
Exc.:	-
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Meeting Dates:	5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits paying or receiving money based on the number of signatures a person obtains for the purpose of nominating a candidate for elective public office. Prohibits paying or receiving money based on the number of signed voter registration cards a person collects.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allegations of discarded voter registration cards
- Current experiences with signature-gathering on nomination petitions
- Incentives for submitting voter registrations that are duplicates or otherwise ineligible
- Local government costs of processing invalid voter registration cards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Ballot Measure 26, approved by voters in November 2002, prohibits payment or receipt of payment based on the number of signatures gathered for initiatives or referenda. Senate Bill 73 expands the prohibition to payment or receipt of payment based on the number of signatures gathered for nominating a candidate or the number of completed voter registration cards collected.