

Klickitat County Voters' Pamphlet Guidelines for Ballot Measures

August 1, 2023 Primary Edition

Measures appearing on the August 1, 2023 Primary ballot are required to have an explanatory statement and arguments for and against the measure. Rebuttals to submitted arguments are also allowed.

There will be an online voters' guide and a printed voters' pamphlet for the Special Election.

Submissions

All explanatory statements, arguments and rebuttals shall be submitted electronically by emailing: voting@klickitatcounty.org.

Explanatory Statement [\(RCW 29A.32.241\)](#)

An explanatory statement is always required when there is a printed voters' pamphlet and must be submitted by the district submitting the measure. The explanatory statement is an explanation of the ballot measure and must be written in clear and concise language, avoiding technical and legal terms when possible. Explanatory statements must not exceed 250 words. Submit the explanatory statement by May 12, 2023.

Deadlines

The board of the district presenting the measure must formally appoint for and against committee members and create a roster for each committee signed by their board. The roster containing the committee members names and contact information for the committee must be presented to the Auditors Office no later than May 12, 2023. Once submitted, committee rosters may not be changed. (See Committee Roster section for more information)

Committees must submit their initial arguments by May 12, 2023.

If you have been unable to find committees to write the arguments either for or against the proposed measure, please notify the Auditor's Office by April 28, 2023.

Document the steps your district has taken to find committee members, including advertising, for your records.

Argument

Arguments may contain up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words.

All arguments must be in paragraph format without indentations.

The body of your argument may not include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis. Headings will be printed in bold type.

Once submitted, arguments cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by the Auditor's Office or court order.

Committee Roster

Each committee shall have no more than 3 members, however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. Once submitted, committee rosters may not be changed.

Each argument or rebuttal must be followed by the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may include a telephone number that citizens may call to obtain information on that ballot measure. This information does not count toward any word limits.

Rebuttals

After both sides submit their arguments, the Elections Department will give their statements to the other committees. Committees have 2 business days to submit their rebuttals.

Rebuttals may consist of up to 75 words. Only 1 paragraph is allowed with no indentations or headings.

Rebuttals may not include bold, underlining, or all caps. Only italics are permitted for emphasis.

Once submitted, rebuttals cannot be changed by the committee unless requested by Auditor's Office or court order.

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Review

A proof copy of the page as it will appear in the voters' pamphlet will be sent to each committee for review. Only errors made by the Auditor's Office may be corrected. Changes must be received within 1 business day after proofs are sent to committees.

Questions

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