

# Voters' Pamphlet

# Guidelines for Ballot Measures

Skagit County - 2016 Edition

Email the following documents to [voterspamphlet@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:voterspamphlet@co.skagit.wa.us):

- Explanatory Statement
- Arguments
- Committee roster
- Contact information
- Rebuttal

## Questions?

Call 360-416-1702

## Deadlines

	Pro/Con Committees must be appointed	Explanatory Statements, Arguments due	Rebuttals due
February 9 Special Election	November 11, 2015	December 22, 2015	January 6
April 26 Special Election	February 26	March 16	March 23
August 2 Primary Election	May 13	June 8	June 15
November 8 General Election	August 2	August 24	August 31

\*The Office of the Secretary of State may change deadlines if needed for the timely publication of the Voters' Pamphlet. (WAC 434-381-120)

## Responsibilities

**Jurisdictions** - submit measure language, explanatory statement, and appoint committee members.

**Committees** - submit arguments For/Against and rebuttals.

**Skagit County Elections** - will forward copies of arguments to opposing parties.

All submissions must be emailed in a Word-compatible format.

## Explanatory Statement

Explanatory Statements may consist of up to 300 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words (example: "pro-jobs")

## Arguments For/Against

Arguments may consist of up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words (example: "pro-jobs").

You may use up to 4 headings, each 15 words or less. Headings are calculated as part of the total word count.

No more than 5 paragraphs are allowed for arguments.

## Committee roster

Each committee is limited to 3 members, but the committee can have an unlimited number of persons assist them to prepare the statements.

Only the names of the committee members (as submitted by the jurisdiction) are included in the pamphlet. Committee members' titles will not be included.

## Contact information

Each committee may submit a telephone number, an email address, and a website. These do not count toward any word limit. This information will be listed online and in the printed pamphlet when there is one.

## Rebuttal

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

## Review

All submissions are final. Only errors made by the Skagit County Elections office may be corrected.



Your explanatory statement, argument and rebuttal may *not* include bold, underlining, or all caps. Italics are permitted for emphasis. Headings will be printed in bold type. Websites are not permitted in the argument or rebuttal.