

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE BILL 2959

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to initiative and referendum; prohibiting certain acts by signature collector; providing requirements for individuals collecting petition signatures; providing penalty; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3.2 of Title 34, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person circulating any initiative or referendum petition to amend, add to, delete, strike, or otherwise change in any way the Constitution or laws of this state, or of any subdivision of the this state to mislead the public or provide incorrect information regarding the petition. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed one (1) year, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3.3 of Title 34, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person who circulates an initiative or referendum petition to amend, add to, delete, strike, or otherwise change in any way the Constitution or laws of this state, or of any subdivision of this state to fail to accurately explain the subject matter of the petition to individuals before they sign

the petition. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed one (1) year, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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