

INITIATIVE 344

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 344 to the Legislature is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for elective state office; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 29A.20 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Beginning with elections in 2006 and thereafter, every candidate
7 for elective state office in the state of Washington must pass the
8 tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning test before being
9 accepted by the secretary of state as an official candidate. Each
10 person filing for a state elective office must present to the office of
11 the secretary of state, at the time of filing officially for the
12 office, an affidavit certifying that the candidate has passed the tenth
13 grade Washington assessment of student learning test. The secretary of
14 state shall make arrangements with the superintendent of public
15 instruction to identify a location where the test will be administered
16 to prospective candidates. The superintendent of public instruction
17 will be responsible for preparing the affidavits. Each candidate must
18 pay the fee for administration of the test to himself or herself. No
19 person may be accepted as an official candidate for state elective

1 office unless the prescribed affidavit accompanies his or her
2 application to the secretary of state.

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