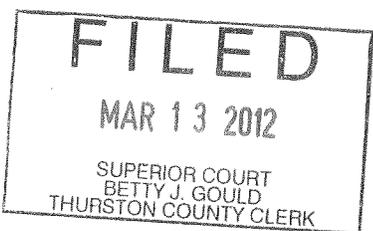


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JUDGE Wm. THOMAS McPHEE



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON

PRESERVE MARRIAGE WASHINGTON,

Petitioner/Appellant,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON et al.,

Respondents/Defendants.

NO. 12-2-00356-1

In Re:

BALLOT TITLE for REFERENDUM
MEASURE NO. 74

On behalf of LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS OF WASHINGTON et al.,

Petitioners.

NO. 12-2-00402-9

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PETITIONS

The Court having considered the Petitions to Appeal Ballot Title for Referendum Measure 74, and all pleadings filed in support and opposition thereto, and having heard the arguments presented and being fully advised,

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IT IS ORDERED that the challenge to the Ballot Title for Referendum Measure 74 is GRANTED. The Ballot Title for Referendum Measure 74 shall read as stated on the attachment, incorporated into this Order by this reference.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.

THOMAS McPHEE

Wm. THOMAS McPHEE
Superior Court Judge

Presented by:
ROBERT M. MCKENNA
Attorney General

Notice of presentation Waived;
Approved for Entry:

STEVEN T. O'BAN, WSBA #17265

JEFFREY T. EVEN, WSBA #20367
Deputy Solicitor General

PAUL LAWRENCE, WSBA #13557

Statement of Subject: The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. [10 words]

Concise Description: This bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony. [30 words]

Ballot Measure Summary: This bill allows same-sex couples to marry, applies marriage laws without regard to gender, and specifies that laws using gender-specific terms like husband and wife include same-sex spouses. After 2014, existing domestic partnerships are converted to marriages, except for seniors. It preserves the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform or recognize any marriage or accommodate wedding ceremonies. The bill does not affect licensing of religious organizations providing adoption, foster-care, or child-placement. [75 words]