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Initiative Measure No. 126

BALLOT TITLE

- An Acr providing for a non-partisan ballot and relating to the manner of the nomination and election thereby of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state and the County Superintendent of Schools of the various counties thereof.
- An Act relating to the election of certain officers of the state and county public school systems and providing a non-partisan ballot therefor.
- **Be** it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The best interests of the school children of this state will be served by removing the administration of the schools from partisan politics.

SEC. 2. No candidate for election to the office of either state Superintendent of Public Instruction or County Superintendent of Schools shall, in his declaration of candidacy for either of said offices, certify his party affiliation. When candidates for election to either office are to be nominated, there shall be provided a section on the ballot headed "NON-PARTISAN BALLOT". Therein shall appear the names of the candidates for nomination under the proper office designation, a \Box opposite each name under the instruction "VOTE FOR ONE". The names of the candidates who shall have re-ceived, respectively, the highest and next to the highest number of votes for each of said offices in the primary election shall appear on the general election ballot, which ballot shall also have a separate section with the same heading and provision for candidates' names as provided for in the primary election ballot herein; Provided, however, That where any candidate for either of said offices shall receive a majority of all votes cast at such primary election for such office, the name of such candidate only shall so appear on the general election ballot, and one open space shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot; And provided further, That where voting machines are legally used in any election, the ballot arrangement for the aforesaid offices shall be substantially in the form as set forth herein, but may be so varied as to carry out the purposes required by the use of voting machines.

Initiative Measure No. 129

BALLOT TITLE

- An Act limiting to 40 mills the aggregate annual levy on real and personal property for all purposes; limiting the levy by the state to 2 mills, provided that the legislature may omit this levy, in which case it may increase the permitted levy by cities or towns; limiting the levy by counties, cities and towns, school districts and road districts to certain designated maximums; exempting port districts and power districts from its operation and providing that additional levies may be made by election.
- An Act relating to the taxation of real and personal property and limiting the aggregate annual rate of levy thereon for all purposes to forty mills.
- Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Except as hereinafter provided, the aggregate of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state, municipal corporations, taxing districts and governmental agencies, now existing or hereafter created, shall not in any year exceed forty mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, which assessed valuation shall be fifty per centum of the true and fair value of such property in money; and within and subject to the aforesaid limitation the levy by the state shall not exceed two mills to be used exclusively for the support of the University of Washington, Washington State College and the Normal Schools of the state; the levy by any county shall not exceed ten mills including any levy for the county school fund required by law, the levy by or for any school district shall not exceed ten mills, the levy for any road district shall not exceed three mills, and the levy by any city or town shall not exceed fifteen mills; but the legislature may reduce or abolish the millage hereinabove provided for the state, and in that event may increase the millage hereinabove provided for cities and towns to the extent of the reduction of the state millage, the maximum increase in the

exceed two mills; Provided, That nothing herein shall prevent levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any port or power district; Provided, further, That the limita-tions imposed by this section shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes, not in excess of five mills per annum and without anticipation of delinquencies in payment of taxes, in an amount equal to the interest and principal payable in the next succeeding year on general obligation bonds, outstanding on December 6, 1934, issued by or through the agency of the state, or any county, city, town, or school district, nor the levy of ad-ditional taxes to pay interest on or toward the reduction, at the rate pro-vided by statute, of the principal of county, city, town, or school district warrants outstanding on December 8, 1932; but the millage limitation of this proviso with respect to general obligation bonds shall not apply to any taxing district in which a larger levy is necessary in order to prevent the impairment of the obligation of contracts; Provided, further, That any county, school district, city or town shall have the power to levy taxes at a rate in excess of the rate specified in this act, when authorized so to do by the electors of such county, school district, city or town by a three-fifths majority of those voting on the proposition at a special election, to be held in the year in which the levy is made, and not oftener than once in such year, in the manner provided by law for holding general elections, at

millage for cities and towns not to

such time as may be fixed by the body authorized to call the same, which special election may be called by the board of county commissioners, board of school directors, or council or other governing body of any city or town, by giving notice thereof for two successive weeks by publication and posting in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at which special election the proposition of authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "YES", and those opposed thereto to vote "NO", provided, that the total number of persons voting at such special election shall constitute forty per cent of the voters in said taxing district who voted for the office of governor at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

"THE 40-MILL TAX LIMIT LAW"

Initiative No. 129 is sponsored by the same 40-Mill Committee which sponsored the 40-Mill Limit Initiatives in 1932, 1934 and 1936. It is the only measure on the ballot which will protect your tax savings and give you further tax reductions under the 40mill principle.

TAX PROTECTION

Initiative No. 129 insures for another two years the protection of the 40-Mill Tax Limit which has already reduced our property taxes \$40,000,000 a year, with still further reductions coming as old debts are paid off. Reenactment each two years is necessary to prevent repeal of tax limitation and the loss of your tax savings.

Initiative 129 reenacts the present 40-Mill Act voted by the people which has reduced the cost of government, placed the schools in better financial condition than ever before and reduced the public debt, while permitting all well-managed units of government to maintain their needed functions.

Initiative 129 protects the overall limit of 40 mills. It retains the present limitations for the state, county, cities, school, port and power districts. It retains the margin provided within the 40-mill limit for necessary levies by smaller classes of taxing districts for such purposes as flood control and irrigation while protecting the taxpayer from increased taxes.

Initiative 129 safeguards the taxpayer in the voting of special levies by requiring their approval by a substantial majority.

Initiative 129 provides for flexibility in the allocation of state revenue by permitting a transfer of the state levy but only if the Governor and the Legislature find it advisable to do so. While providing flexibility, it does not deprive any state institution of a dollar of revenue.

BENEFITS EVERY CITIZEN

The 40-Mill Act in reducing taxes has benefited every person in this state since it has protected the farm and home owners and has attracted investments in our natural resources. The state can only be as prosperous as its citizens; its citizens can only be prosperous if taxes are low enough for them to own property.

Initiative No. 129 further encourages the ownership of homes, increases the security of all property owners and encourages taxpayers to pay their taxes and decrease tax delinquency. Lower taxes and protection to the property owners in this state can be maintained only by voting for Initiative No. 129.

Thousands of farmers, home owners and other citizens working together have secured the benefits of the 40-Mill Act. Over 125,000 citizens signed the petition for Initiative No. 129.

Every vote for Initiative 129 is a mandate to the next Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment to ensure permanent tax limitation in this state. Every vote for Initiative 129 is a blow to radical tax spenders who are always seeking to add new burdens to the already overburdened taxpayers.

By passing Initiative 129 you reenact the 40-Mill Act.

Remember Initiative 129. Look for it on the ballot and Vote for 129.

> THE 40-MILL TAX LIMIT COMMITTEE,

> > J. W. Wheeler, President,

L. S. Booth, Vice-President.

Endorsed by:

- WASHINGTON STATE FARM BUREAU,
- WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE BOARDS,
- WASHINGTON STATE TAX-PAYERS ASSOCIATION,
- and other civic, commercial and farm organizations and improvement clubs.

Initiative Measure No. 130

BALLOT TITLE

- A MEASURE relating to employment; providing for the service of written demands upon the employer; providing that a majority vote of the employees concerned cast in a prescribed manner shall be necessary before a strike may be called; making provisions concerning lockouts; and providing penalties.
- An Act to prevent interruption of employment, obstruction of production, trade and commerce and the occurrence of strikes unless approved by a majority vote of the employees involved cast in accordance with certain procedure under conditions to be established and supervised by the County Auditor and preceded by service of written demands upon the employer involved and an opportunity to adjust such demands; providing civil rights and prescribing penalties.
- Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Uninterrupted employment of its citizens is of vital importance to the State of Washington. Strikes and lockouts diminish public revenues, increase public expendi-tures, cause general financial loss, destroy the peace and retard the progress of the State. Neither strike nor lockout should be permitted until a reasonable period of time shall have elasped within which the difference between the contending parties may be adjusted. And finally, no strike should be permitted until the employees directly concerned shall have been informed of the issues upon which a strike may be called and a majority of such employees shall have freely approved of such strike. Therefore for the purpose of pro-moting the common good and preventing discontent, disorder, and social unrest, the State of Washing-ton exercising herein its police and sovereign power hereby declares that a reasonable opportunity for settlement must precede either a strike or lockout and that an opportunity to cast a secret ballot without interference or coercion must be provided for the employees liable to be called out on strike, that a majority of such employees must approve such strike before it can lawfully be called, and that prior to such approval no obstruction to the ordinary course of production, trade, or commerce upon which the employment of its citizens and the support of its institutions depend shall be permitted by the State.

SEC. 2. As used in this act:

The term "strike" shall mean the cessation of work by a body of persons employed in any trade, industry, or occupation, acting in combination, or a concerted refusal or a refusal under a common understanding, of any number of persons who are, or who have been so employed, to continue to work or to accept employment or to perform the duties for which they are employed.

The term "lockout" shall mean closing a place of employment, or suspension of work, or refusal by any employer to continue to employ any number of persons employed by him with the intention of compelling those persons, or to aid another employer in compelling persons employed by him, to accept terms or conditions of, or affecting employment.

The term "union" shall mean any association or group of persons in this State who shall directly or indirectly combine for the purpose of obtaining better hours, wages, or working conditions of the members thereof.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful to cause a strike or go on strike:

(a) Unless for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of submission of written demands to the employer the Union shall have attempted in good faith through negotiations, meditation or conciliation, to reach an agreement or settlement with said employer with respect thereto: *Provided*, That the employer within such period shall not have finally refused to enter into negotiations with said Union; *And provided further*, That nothing in this act shall prohibit any employee from leaving the employ of his employer under circumstances that do not constitute a strike; and

(b) Unless, upon failure to reach a settlement within the period above provided, the Union shall have requested the County Auditor of the County within which a majority of the employees involved reside to conduct a strike vote and certified to said County Auditor the demands for the enforcement of which it is proposed to call a strike; and

(c) Unless said County Auditor shall have certified as hereinafter provided that a majority of said employees have voted to go on strike.

SEC. 4. Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing request and demands, the County Auditor shall

(a) Advise the Union of the time and place of conducting a vote of said employees;

(b) Notify the employer concerned in said dispute of the taking of a strike vote and request such employer to certify to said Auditor the names and addresses of the employees involved, whereupon it shall be the duty of such employer to immediately furnish such information; *Provided*, That the accuracy of such list, upon the petition of the Auditor, the Union, or any employee affected thereby, shall be subject to review by the Superior Court of the County in which such petitioner resides;

(c) Prescribe, enforce and carry out such rules, regulations and provisions for conducting such vote as shall insure that each such employee so voting shall cast a secret ballot without interference, coercion or direction of any person, and provide each employee at the time of casting his vote with an unmarked ballot upon which he may record his vote, and it is hereby made the duty of the officers now charged by law with the duty of furnishing election supplies to provide whatever is necessary to carry out the provisions hereof;

(d) Post copies of the demands certified to the Auditor as above provided in two or more conspicuous places at the polling place.

Only those employees so certified shall be entitled to vote and the Auditor shall indicate upon said list those voting.

At the conclusion of the voting, the Auditor shall tally the votes, certify the result thereof to the Union and the Employer involved, and post the same in a place easily available to the Employees so voting. The Auditor shall retain said list of those entitled to vote and of those voting and the ballots cast, in his possession for a period of six months. Upon receiving such certificate from the Auditor, if the strike be approved by a majority of those entitled to vote, then the employees whose names have been certified to the Auditor may be called out on strike to enforce the demands so approved by them. If, however, a majority of said employees shall vote not to strike, then no strike of said employees may be lawfully called.

SEC. 5. The County Auditor concerned, or the Union, or any employer, or employee whose rights and privileges under this act shall be affected by the violations of any of the provisions thereof, may petition the Superior Court of the County in which the petitioner resides for the purpose of preventing such violation. Upon the filing of such petition, the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction, power and authority to grant such relief as it shall deem proper and necessary in the premises.

SEC. 6. Prior to the service of written demands on the employer and during the period provided in Section 3 of this act, it shall be unlawful for any person to advertise, speak, patrol or post patrols in, on or near the premises or property owned, occupied, controlled or used by any person, for the purpose of obtaining or communicating information regarding any controversy with said person or persuading or inducing any person to work or abstain from working or obstructing the approach to said premises or property or egress therefrom.

SEC. 7. Prior to the service of written demands upon the employer and during the period provided in Section 3 of this act it shall be unlawful for any employer to declare or cause a lockout, provided that nothing in this act shall prohibit such employer from doing any act in connection with the conduct of his business which is in the ordinary course thereof.

SEC. 8. Prior to the service of written demands on the employer and during the period of time provided in Section 3 hereof, it shall be unlawful for any person, persons, association or organization, for the purpose of enforcing any demand for the enforcement of which a strike might lawfully be called hereunder, to ob-struct or prevent or attempt to obstruct or prevent the lawful buying, selling, transporting, receiving, delivering, manufacturing, harvesting, processing, handling, or marketing of any agricultural product or merchandise of any kind; provided that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to make lawful any act which except for the passage hereof would be unlawful.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful for any person to incite, aid, abet, encourage or assist any employer or any employees or any organization of employees or representatives thereof, or any other person, in the violation of any of the provisions of this act. SEC. 10. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this act declaring certain acts to be unlawful shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (100.00) dollars nor more than one thousand (1,-000.00) dollars or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or both.

SEC. 11. If any part of a section, clause or sentence of this act should for any reason be declared unconstitutional and invalid such adjudication shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of the act or if the application of the act to any person or circumstances be held unconstitutional or invalid such adjudication shall not affect the application of the act to any other persons or circumstances not directly involved in the action wherein such adjudication was made. If the operation of any clause, part or section of this act, including any or any part of the penal provisions thereof, shall be held to impair the obligation of contract or to deny to any person any right or protection secured to him by the Con-stitution of the United States of America, or by the Constitution of the State of Washington, it is hereby declared that, had the invalidity of such clause, part or section been considered at the time of the enactment of this act, the remainder of the act would nevertheless have been adopted without any and all such invalid clauses, parts or sections.

ARGUMENT FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 130 "RELATING TO STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS"

Sponsored by 100.000 Washington Voters

Purpose of Initiative No. 130 is to prevent loss of wages to workers, and consequent loss to the public, through unnecessary and avoidable strikes and lockouts. It will prevent un-necessary interruptions of production on which public prosperity depends.

Initiative No. 130 prescribes orderly procedure for the calling of strikes by workers and regulates the calling of lockouts by employers.

Power Given to Workers: Power to call strikes is put into the hands of the workers on the job by provision that no strike can be legally called unless it is authorized by favorable vote of an actual majority of the workers employed in the operation; voting to be by secret ballot, con-ducted by the county auditor, under conditions which will prevent intimidation of the workers.

Time For Peaceful Settlement of the questions involved is allowed by provision that no strike can be legally called until thirty days after written demands have been served upon the employer and negotiations carried on to effect agreement, during which both workers and employers would become thoroughly acquainted with the issues involved. If employers refuse to negotiate, the strike vote can be held immediately. During the same period, employers are prohibited from declaring a lockout of their emplovees.

Would Stop Great Loss to Public: With the power to determine whether or not to strike placed entirely in the hands of the men on the payroll, with ample time to investigate and negotiate before a strike vote is held, it is generally admitted that there would be a great reduction in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars suffered annually by the people of Washington, through unnecessary strikes and interruptions of employment, and consequent increase of relief costs.

Workers May Strike and Picket: Initiative No. 130 puts no restrictions on the questions over which strikes may be called. Workers may strike for any reason deemed important enough for a strike by a majority on the payroll.

The act puts no restrictions on picketing during a strike. It makes illegal, picketing for purpose of intimidation of workers or boycott of employers, when no strike is in progress.

No Interference With Workers' Rights: Initiative No. 130 does not interfere in any way with exercise of the legally recognized rights of workers; to organize, to bargain collectively and to strike. It does not conflict with any of the provisions of the Wagner Labor Relations Act or any other Federal or state legislation which establishes and guards the rights of labor. It gives workers con-trol over their bargaining agents. It is constitutional.

Enactment Would Benefit Workers: Enactment of Initiative No. 130 would prove a benefit rather than a setback to the labor movement, as proven by experience of the railroad Brotherhoods, which have been under similar Federal regulation of calling of strikes for many years. They have strengthened the Brotherhoods, maintained high wages, and have won popular favor by furnishing uninterrupted transportation service, to the benefit of the Nation. Some other unions successfully follow virtually the same procedure regarding strikes.

Initiative No. 130 is a strictly nonpartisan issue presented to the voters on its own merits.

- Adella H. Murfin, Pres. Women
- of Wash., Sunnyside, HAZEL K. HILLYARD, Ex. Sec., Seattle,
- BENJ. F. SMITH, Pres. Asso. Farmers, Kent,
- L. O. BIRD, Ex. Sec., Yakima,
- L. E. PRUITT, V. Pres., Wenatchee, JAMES W. GARRETSON, Treas., Yakima,

LOUIS THUN, Trustee, Underwood.

Argument Against Initiative Measure No. 130

Initiative Bill No. 130 could not have settled any of the great strikes in the past, and will not settle any in the future because it is so loosely drawn. There is no mention in the bill that the state is interested in any business engaged in or affecting interstate commerce. Accordingly it has no application to freight and passenger transportation companies, the fishing industry, lumber industry, fish and vegetable processing industries, nor to any manufacturing company whose products may ultimately be sold or transported in interstate com-In fact it does not include merce. the average retail merchant who buys products manufactured outside the state.

Initiative Bill No. 130 will prevent the signing of agreements which are fair to all employers and all employees in the same industry and trade. Such agreements to be fair must and are approved by all employers and the unions representing all of the employees. They are fair because everybody has agreed to Under this initiative the emthem. ployees of one employer is the constituted unit for bargaining purposes with the result that all employers in the same industry and community will not be paying the same wages and the employees will likewise not be receiving the same scales. The actual wages will vary according to the economic strength of the particular employer and its particular employees and will bear no relationship to that observed by other employers.

Initiative Bill No. 130 will result in the destruction ultimately of all of the great labor agreements many of which have been extended from year to year with no major labor dispute for over 20 years. These agreements have been executed and signed by the unions because they had discipline over their members and they would not permit a strike condition to exist just because one group of employees were dissatisfied. Under the bill a strike can be provoked by one group of employees although the great majority of employees are satisfied. The recently signed Seattle Building Trades agreement, which has been hailed all over the United States as a model, cannot survive under Initiative Bill No. 130. Harmony in the teaming crafts, culinary crafts, metal trades, building trades, printing trades, theatre crafts and hundreds of other unions throughout the state will be disturbed by the effect of Initiative No. 130 on their contracts.

Initiative No. 130 provides for either side or any interested party to take the dispute into court resulting in delay and expense at a time when the parties should be negotiating a settlement instead of fighting.

Initiative No. 130 places control of labor disputes in the hands of politicians and makes a political football out of bona fide disputes. In the past the unions have prevented a strike unless the dispute affects a majority of all of the employees and members of the union. The bill destroys discipline by the union over its members because it provides that any group of employees can have a dispute and only those employees can vote however small their minority may be. It thus permits a small group to shut down a plant where the majority are opposed. The Initiative places the decision in the hands of every County Auditor to determine who shall vote and he can refuse to permit anyone to vote. With this control over those voting, a politician can swing the election one way or another and in effect determines whether there will be a strike or not.

Initiative No. 130 recognizes only the employee status so that in such seasonal industries as grain producing, fruit and vegetable producing and processing, fishing and fish processing, where the season is short there is no opportunity for a determination of the conditions of employment based upon the price received for the products so that the seasonal employers will not know how many apples to pick or fish to catch because of uncertainty as to the labor cost.

> WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR

By JAMES A. TAYLOR, President.

An Amendment to the State Constitution

To Be Submitted to the Qualified Electors of the State for Their Approval or Rejection at the

> GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON Tuesday, November 8, 1938

CONCISE STATEMENT

A PROPOSAL to amend Section 1, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Washington relating to taxation by providing that nothing contained in said section shall be construed to prevent the enactment of a graduated net income tax law.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

PROVIDING for the submission to the electors of the state of a constitutional amendment amending Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Washington, relating to taxation.

Be It Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington in legislative session assembled:

That, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1938, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Section 1 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Washington, so that the same shall, when amended, read as follows:

Section 1. The power of taxation shall never be suspended, surrendered or contracted away. All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of property within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax and shall be levied and collected for public purposes only. The word "property" as used herein shall mean and include everything, whether tangible or intangible, subject to ownership. All real estate shall constitute one class: *Provided*, That the legislature may tax mines and mineral resources and lands devoted to reforestation by either a yield tax or an ad valorem tax at such rate as it may fix, or by both. Such property as the legis

lature may by general laws provide shall be exempt from taxation. Property of the United States and of the state, counties, school districts and other municipal corporations, and credits secured by property actually taxed in this state, not exceeding in value the value of such property, shall be exempt from taxation. The legis-lature shall have power, by appro-priate legislation, to exempt personal property to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each head of a family liable to assessment and taxation under the provisions of the laws of this state of which the individual is the actual bona fide owner. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the enactment of a graduated net income tax law.

And Be It Further Resolved, That the secretary of state shall cause the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at least three months next preceding the election in a weekly newspaper in every county where a newspaper is published throughout the state.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1937.

VICTOR A. MEYERS,

President of the Senate.

Passed the House March 9, 1937.

EDWARD J. REILLY,

Speaker of the House.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss. Filed in the office of the Secretary of State, March 12, 1937. BELLE REEVES.

Secretary of State.

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