

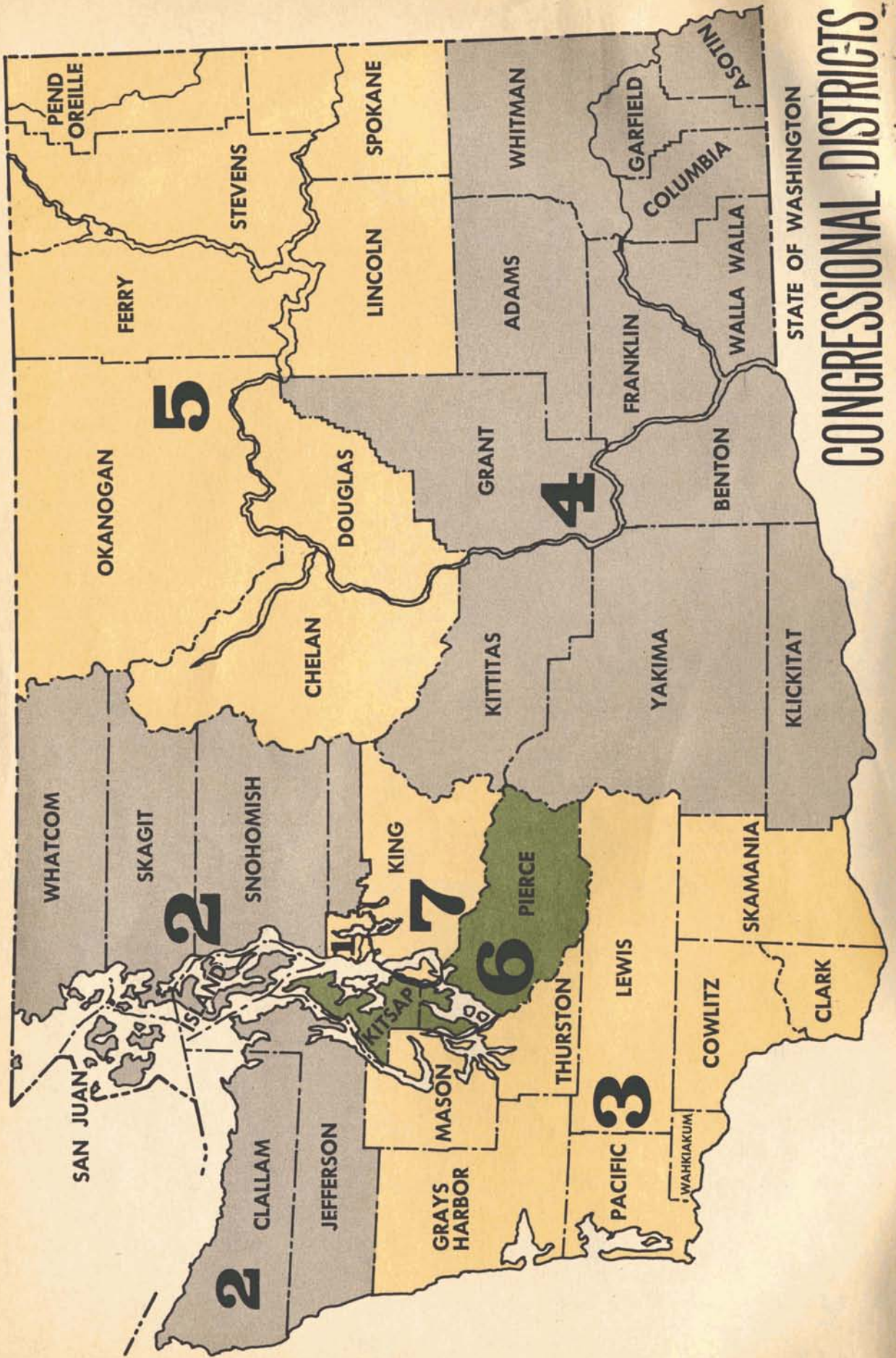
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Introduction

As Secretary of State, one of my most satisfying duties is to present to you this 1966 edition of the official voters' pamphlet, containing the official ballot titles, full explanations and complete texts of the 14 state measures to be voted upon at the November 8, 1966 state general election.

Of these 14 measures, 3 are initiatives (initiated directly by the people), 3 are legislative referendum bills (measures adopted by the legislature but referred by it to the people for decision) and 8 are proposed constitutional amendments (also initiated by the legislature and referred to the people).

The official ballot titles and the explana-

tions have been prepared by the Attorney General as required by law. The statements for and against have been prepared by committees appointed under a procedure established by law and are only arguments. I have no authority to evaluate their truth or accuracy.

A substantial effort has been made to make this edition the most useful ever and in this connection many changes have been made in format, design, size and the like. Your comments will be welcome. Extra copies can be obtained at the offices of city clerks and county auditors, at public libraries, or directly from my office.

A. LUDLOW KRAMER
Secretary of State

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INITIATIVE MEASURE 226

*Official ballot title:**

CITIES SHARING SALES, USE TAXES

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation and providing for the allocation and distribution of one-tenth of the state collected retail sales tax and use tax revenues to cities and towns to provide for public safety, law enforcement, fire protection, public health, and for park and recreation services.

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General.

Statement **FOR**

Cities and towns face an emergency

Washington cities and towns are face-to-face with a stark emergency. It could become a civic disaster unless prompt action is taken.

Tax revenues for vital services have not kept up with exploding populations and greater demands. It costs more—as everything does—to provide even present curtailed services. Cities lack funds to pay for these basic needs or to project future improvements—there is no help in sight except 226!

More police and fire protection needed— vote “for” Initiative 226!

Police protection is dangerously thin. Tacoma needs 36 more policemen; Seattle has had many police resignations and difficulty replacing officers at wages the city can afford. Everett needs six policemen, Yakima 14; Richland's police shortage is evident in crime rates. Inadequate fire protection brings threat of higher rates.

Spokane has so many vacant jobs as to jeopardize efficient operations. Longview, Edmonds, Wenatchee, Bremerton, Kennewick, Hoquiam, Walla Walla—the report is the same almost everywhere. Public health is under pressure of too little funds. Parks and recreation are suffering. City employees' salaries are below standard; men are quitting for better jobs.

The need is now—vote “for” Initiative 226!

Initiative 226 provides the only relief which can be obtained quickly enough to meet the emergency. The crisis is now! A few solutions have been suggested. Almost without exception they will come too late—four years hence, six years, a decade. But 226 will help now!

One solution offered is to increase the property tax. If 226 fails there may be no alternative.

The total needs of children

Much has been said about the needs of children—the increased funds required for education. We are completely in accord—but children need other things too. They need proper police and fire protection, parks, playfields, public health, sanitation. We are interested in the total needs of children!

We urge everyone to vote for Initiative 226. Keep your home town a decent place to live.

Vote For Initiative 226!

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