

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Measures

Publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet

A printed copy of the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to all households within the election 18 days prior to each Primary and General Election. Measure arguments appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and Online Ballot Access. [RCW 29A.32.210-280](#)

Measure arguments are published online only for Special Elections.

Committee Information

The legislative authority of a district that submits a ballot measure must appoint committees to draft arguments 'for' and 'against' the measure. Committees are limited to three members and shall appoint a chairperson as the primary point of contact.

If the district is unable to appoint a committee, they must notify the Auditor's Office in writing. [RCW 29A.32.280](#)

Argument Word Limit

- 250 words (five paragraphs) including no more than four headings.
- Headings may not exceed 15 words and count towards the word limit.
- Headings are printed in bold type.

Rebuttal Word Limit

- 75 words (one paragraph).
- No headings are permitted.
- Rebuttals may only address issues raised in the opposing argument.

Argument and Rebuttal Specifications

- *Italics* may be used for emphasis.
- Bulleted lists, bold, underline, all-caps text and multiple indentations are not allowed and will be reformatted.
- Hyphenated words count as two words unless listed as one word by [dictionary.com](#).
- Photographs and charts are permitted. Each square inch of chart or photograph will substitute for 50 words.
- Arguments and rebuttals exceeding the word limit are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.
- Statements containing obscene, profane, libelous or defamatory language will be rejected.



Voters' Pamphlet deadlines are intended to promote timely publication and may be adjusted.

2018 Submission Deadlines

Election Date	Aug. 7	Nov. 6
Committee Appointment	May 11	Aug. 7
Pro/Con Argument	May 21	Aug. 13
Rebuttal	May 29	Aug. 20

A final proof is provided to committees that must be approved within three business days otherwise it is approved as submitted.

- Contact Kitsap Elections for Special Election deadlines.