

Referendum Measure No. 13

BALLOT TITLE

"AN ACT providing that parents or guardians may forbid physical examinations of their school children in districts of the first class except when such children show symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases; and providing that vaccination, inoculation or other medication shall not be made a condition of attendance or employment in such schools except of persons suspected of having or who have been exposed to contagious diseases."

AN ACT relating to education and to the public schools; prescribing and limiting the powers of directors and officers of school districts in matters of health and sanitation, and amending section 4509 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

"*Provided, however,* that a parent or guardian having control or charge of any child enrolled in any public school in districts of the first class of the state may file annually with the principal of the school in which he is enrolled, a statement in writing, signed by such parent or guardian, stating that he will not consent to the physical examination of his child, and thereupon such child shall be exempt from any physical examination: *Provided, further,* That whenever such practicing physician or graduate nurse shall in good faith have reason to believe that such child is suffering from a contagious or infectious disease, such child may be examined for such contagious or infectious disease

and if found so infected shall be sent home and such parent or guardian shall be notified of the reason therefor, and then such child shall not be permitted to return to school until the school authorities are satisfied that such child is not suffering from such contagious or infectious disease, and: *Provided, further,* That no child shall be required to submit to vaccination without the written consent of his parent or guardian, and: *Provided, further,* That no form of vaccination, inoculation or other medication shall hereafter be made a condition precedent in this state for admission to or attendance in any public school maintained by a district of the first class or for the employment of any person as teacher in any such school or in any other capacity in connection therewith: *Provided, further,* That no provision of this act shall be construed as preventing the quarantining or exclusion of persons suspected of having, or who have been exposed, to contagious diseases."

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

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J. GRANT HINKLE, *Secretary of State.*