

PUBLIC NOTICE

RECALL AND INITIATIVE ACT

This Notice is published pursuant to section 4 of the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

Approval in principle has been granted on an application for an initiative petition. The petition will be issued to proponent William Vander Zalm on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 and signature sheets must be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by July 5, 2010.

The Title of the Initiative is:

An initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST).

Summary of Initiative:

The purpose of the initiative draft Bill is to declare that the agreement between the federal government and the British Columbia government to establish a harmonized sales tax (HST) is not in effect. The draft Bill would reinstate the 7% provincial sales tax (PST) with the same exemptions as were in effect as of June 30, 2010 and establish the provincial sales tax as the only sales tax in British Columbia for the purposes of raising provincial revenue. The draft Bill proposes that it be effective retroactively to June 30, 2010. The Bill also proposes that the provincial share of HST revenues received between June 30, 2010 and the date of Royal Assent of the Bill that exceeds what would be collected under the PST rules as of June 30, 2010 would be reimbursed to British Columbians on a per capita basis.

Opponent Registration:

Individuals or organizations who intend to incur expenses as opponents must apply for registration with the Chief Electoral Officer by Monday, March 8, 2010. Registration applications for opponents are available from Elections BC.

Initiative Advertising:

Individuals or organizations who sponsor initiative advertising, other than the proponent and registered opponents, must register with the Chief Electoral Officer before they conduct or publish initiative advertising. Registration applications are available from Elections BC.

Who May Sign the Petition:

Registered voters as of Tuesday, April 6, 2010 may sign the initiative petition. Individuals may only sign the petition once, and must sign the petition sheet for the electoral district in which they are registered at the time of signing. Signed petitions are available for public inspection.

For More Information:

The initiative application and draft Bill are available for public inspection on the Elections BC website and at the Elections BC office at the address below.

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