

Application Approved for Initiative Petition to Amend the Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act

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VICTORIA – British Columbia’s Chief Electoral Officer, Keith Archer, has granted approval in principle on an initiative petition application. The petition will be issued to proponent Joshua Henshaw on Monday, January 9, 2017. The title of the initiative is: An initiative to amend the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act*.

“This initiative petition application is the tenth to be approved since the legislation came into force in 1995”, says Archer.

Any registered voter can apply to have a petition issued to gather support for a legislative proposal. After the petition is issued, the proponent will have 90 days to canvass and collect signatures of at least 10% of the registered voters in each of British Columbia’s 85 electoral districts.

Individuals or organizations who intend to oppose the initiative, conduct initiative advertising, or canvass for signatures must be registered with Elections BC. The deadline to apply to be an opponent of the initiative is Monday, December 12, 2016.

Registered voters as of January 9, 2017 may sign the petition once for the electoral district in which they are registered.

For more information on the initiative petition, visit the Elections BC website (elections.bc.ca).

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