
SENATE BILL 6481

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By Senator Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to candidates' and voters' pamphlets; amending RCW
2 29.80.010; and adding a new section to chapter 29.81 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.80.010 and 1987 c 295 s 17 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The secretary of state shall publish a candidates' pamphlet as
7 soon as possible before each state general election at which one or
8 more federal or state officials are to be elected((, the secretary of
9 state shall publish and mail to each individual place of residence of
10 the state a candidates' pamphlet containing)) or at which a person is
11 to be elected to fill a vacancy in a federal or state office. In
12 addition, the secretary of state shall publish a candidates' pamphlet
13 for a primary held to nominate persons for a federal or state office or
14 to nominate persons to be elected to fill a vacancy in a federal or
15 state office, if sufficient time exists and sufficient money has been
16 appropriated for this purpose.

17 The secretary of state shall mail a candidates' pamphlet to each
18 individual place of residence in the state, if voters state-wide will
19 vote for any of these offices at that election or primary. However,

1 the secretary of state need only mail a candidates' pamphlet to each
2 individual place of residence in the applicable congressional or
3 legislative district or districts where the election or primary is
4 being held, if only one or more congressional offices or legislative
5 offices are considered at the election or primary. Candidates'
6 pamphlets must also be distributed as provided under RCW 29.81.140,
7 29.81.150, and 29.81.180 for the added distribution of voters'
8 pamphlets.

9 In lieu of publishing and mailing a candidates' pamphlet on only a
10 congressional or legislative district-wide basis for a primary or
11 general election, the secretary of state may contract with a county
12 auditor or auditors under section 2 of this act to include these
13 materials in a local voters' pamphlet prepared and mailed in the
14 applicable congressional or legislative district or districts.

15 (2) A candidates' pamphlet must contain photographs and campaign
16 statements of eligible candidates or nominees who desire to participate
17 therein, together with a campaign mailing address and telephone number
18 submitted by the candidate or nominee at the candidate's or nominee's
19 option(~~, and~~)). In addition, a candidates' pamphlet for a general
20 election in an even-numbered (~~(years containing)~~) year must contain a
21 description of the office of precinct committee officer and its duties,
22 in order that voters will understand that the office is a state office
23 and will be found on the ballot of the forthcoming general election.
24 (~~In odd-numbered years no candidates' pamphlet may be published unless~~
25 an election is to be held to fill a vacancy in one or more of the
26 following state-wide elective offices: United States senator,
27 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,
28 state auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction,
29 commissioner of public lands, insurance commissioner, or justice of the
30 supreme court.))

31 (3) The secretary of state shall adopt rules providing for
32 candidates' pamphlets at primary elections.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29.81 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The secretary of state may contract with a county auditor for
36 information on persons running as candidates for a federal or state

1 office to be included in the county voters' pamphlet prepared for a
2 primary election.

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