
SENATE BILL 6744

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By Senator Thibaudeau

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of stickers or labels for write-in voting;
2 and amending RCW 29.51.175 and 29.62.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.51.175 and 1990 c 59 s 46 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Votes cast by stickers or printed labels are (~~not~~) valid only for
7 (~~any purpose and~~) indicating a vote for a write-in candidate who has
8 filed a declaration of candidacy under RCW 29.04.180. Any other use of
9 stickers or printed labels is not valid for voting purposes and shall
10 be rejected. Votes cast by sticker or label shall not affect the
11 validity of other offices or issues on the voter's ballot.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.62.180 and 1995 c 158 s 2 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 For any office at any election or primary, any voter may write in
15 on the ballot the name of any person for an office who has filed as a
16 write-in candidate for the office in the manner provided by RCW
17 29.04.180 and such vote shall be counted the same as if the name had
18 been printed on the ballot and marked by the voter. A voter may also

1 indicate a write-in vote for such a candidate by use of a sticker or
2 printed label as authorized by RCW 29.51.175. No write-in vote made
3 for any person who has not filed a declaration of candidacy pursuant to
4 RCW 29.04.180 is valid if that person filed for the same office, either
5 as a regular candidate or a write-in candidate, at the preceding
6 primary. Any abbreviation used to designate office, position, or
7 political party shall be accepted if the canvassing board can
8 determine, to their satisfaction, the voter's intent.

9 Write-in votes cast for an office need not be tallied if, assuming
10 all of these write-in votes were cast for the same person, the write-in
11 votes could not have altered the outcome of the primary or election.

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