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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Kline, Roach, Swecker, Rockefeller, Berkey, Kohl-Welles and Parlette; by request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to primary election voters' pamphlets; and amending
2 RCW 29A.32.010 and 29A.32.036.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.010 and 2003 c 111 s 801 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The secretary of state shall(~~(, whenever at least one statewide~~
7 ~~measure or office is scheduled to appear on the general election~~
8 ~~ballot,)~~) print and distribute a voters' pamphlet each even-numbered
9 year primary and every general election. The secretary of state shall
10 work with local jurisdictions to publish a joint voters' pamphlet when
11 practicable.

12 The secretary of state shall distribute the voters' pamphlet to
13 each household in the state, to public libraries, and to any other
14 locations he or she deems appropriate. The secretary of state shall
15 also produce taped or Braille transcripts of the voters' pamphlet,
16 publicize their availability, and mail without charge a copy to any
17 person who requests one.

18 The secretary of state may make the material required to be
19 distributed by this chapter available to the public in electronic form.

1 The secretary of state may provide the material in electronic form to
2 computer bulletin boards, print and broadcast news media, community
3 computer networks, and similar services at the cost of reproduction or
4 transmission of the data.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.32.036 and 2004 c 271 s 122 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ((If)) The secretary of state ((~~prints and distributes a~~)) voters'
8 pamphlet for a primary in an even-numbered year((~~, it~~)) must contain:

9 (1) A description of the office of precinct committee officer and
10 its duties;

11 (2) An explanation that, for partisan offices, only voters who
12 choose to affiliate with a major political party may vote in that
13 party's primary election, and that voters must limit their
14 participation in a partisan primary to one political party; and

15 (3) An explanation that minor political party candidates and
16 independent candidates will appear only on the general election ballot.

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