SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1624
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By House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Armstrong, Hunt, Alexander, Hurst, Rodne, Darneille, Herrera, Finn, Smith, and Ormsby; by request of Secretary of State)

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1   AN ACT Relating to internet voting for service voters and overseas
2 voters; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.40 RCW.

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

4   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:
6   (1) The secretary of state is authorized to establish a method that
7 allows service voters and overseas voters to cast a ballot over the
8 internet.
9   (2) In reviewing ways to implement this section, the secretary of
10 state will consider computing hardware and software systems that:
11   (a) Ensure the integrity and secrecy of the ballot and
12 authentication of the voter;
13   (b) Meet relevant and prevailing computer security standards;
14   (c) Use system components that are available for audit and
15 certification; and
16   (d) Allow for optional phased implementation.
17   (3) The secretary of state may seek alternative public or nonprofit
18 funding sources to implement this section.

1   (4) The method established by the secretary of state for allowing
2 service and overseas voters to vote over the internet is exempt from
3 chapter 29A.12 RCW.

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