

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 1000

May 16, 2011

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,  
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 2,  
House Bill 1000 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to overseas and service voters."

I am vetoing Section 2 of House Bill 1000 because another bill I am signing today amends the same statute regarding the date ballots are mailed to military and overseas voters. Section 16 of Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5171 contains the same amendment to this statute. Each of these amendments to the statute takes effect on a different date. House Bill 1000 takes effect ninety days after the end of session, whereas Section 16 of Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5171 takes effect January 1, 2012. The Secretary of State has stated that the statutory amendment should take effect in 2012 to correspond with other election date changes in Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5171.

For this reason I have vetoed Section 2 of House Bill 1000.

With the exception of Section 2, House Bill 1000 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Gregoire  
Governor