

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved March 30, 1994

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6063** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Winsley, Haugen and Franklin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local voters' pamphlets; and amending RCW
2 29.81A.020 and 29.81A.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.81A.020 and 1984 c 106 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) ~~((Within five days of the adoption by the county legislative
7 authority of an ordinance authorizing))~~ Not later than ninety days
8 before the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet by
9 a county, the county auditor shall notify each city, town, or special
10 taxing district located wholly within that county that a pamphlet will
11 be produced. ~~((If the ordinance applies to future primaries or
12 elections, the ordinance shall provide for such a notification prior to
13 those primaries or elections.))~~

14 (2) If a voters' pamphlet is published by the county for a primary
15 or general election, the pamphlet shall be published for the elective
16 offices and ballot measures of the county and for the elective offices
17 and ballot measures of each unit of local government located entirely
18 within the county which will appear on the ballot at that primary or
19 election. However, the offices and measures of a first class or code

1 city shall not be included in the pamphlet if the city publishes and
2 distributes its own voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for
3 its offices and measures. The offices and measures of any other town
4 or city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet if the town
5 or city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and distribute
6 a voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for its offices and
7 measures and it does so.

8 If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the
9 offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undo
10 financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative
11 authority of the unit may petition the legislative authority of the
12 county to waive this requirement. The legislative authority of the
13 county may provide such a waiver if it does so not later than sixty
14 days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the
15 requirement would create such hardship.

16 (3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one
17 county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal
18 agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters'
19 pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located
20 outside of that county.

21 ((+2)) (4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production
22 and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that
23 city shall notify any special taxing district located wholly within
24 that city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be
25 provided in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of
26 this section.

27 ~~((3) Upon receipt of the notification, the legislative authority~~
28 ~~of each city, town, or district shall determine whether it will include~~
29 ~~any information from that jurisdiction in the local voters' pamphlet~~
30 ~~for a specific primary, special election, or general election or for~~
31 ~~any future primaries or elections. If it chooses to participate, it~~
32 ~~shall include information on all measures from that jurisdiction, and~~
33 ~~may include information on candidates.))~~

34 (5) A unit of local government located within a county and the
35 county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a
36 voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2)
37 of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.81A.080 and 1984 c 106 s 10 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 For each measure from a (~~jurisdiction~~) unit of local government
4 that is included in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority
5 of that jurisdiction shall, not later than forty-five days before the
6 publication of the pamphlet, formally appoint a committee to prepare
7 arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally
8 appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection
9 of the measure. The authority shall appoint persons known to favor the
10 measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall,
11 whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose the measure to serve
12 on the committee advocating rejection. Each committee shall have not
13 more than three members, however, a committee may seek the advice of
14 any person or persons. If the legislative authority of a unit of local
15 government fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline,
16 the county auditor shall whenever possible make the appointments.

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