
HOUSE BILL 2177

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By Representatives Campbell, Smith, McMahan, Hymes and Carrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; adding a new section to chapter 29.30
2 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.30 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Ballots must give voters the opportunity to select "none of the
8 above" as an alternative to casting a vote for a candidate or nominee
9 listed on the ballot for an elective office, or writing in the name of
10 a candidate, at a primary or election. Ballots must be organized so
11 that the "none of the above" option is printed on ballots immediately
12 after the name of the last candidate or nominee listed for each office
13 appearing on the ballot. The number of votes cast for "none of the
14 above" must be reported with election results for an office but does
15 not affect the election results for any office.

16 (2) This section applies to all partisan and nonpartisan offices,
17 including, but not limited to, the nominations and election of a
18 supreme court judge, court of appeals judge, superior court judge, and
19 the superintendent of public instruction, as well as the nomination and

1 election of the initial elected officials of any newly created unit of
2 local government.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Section 1 of this act applies to elections for members of a special
6 district governing body.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 Section 1 of this act applies to elections for irrigation district
10 directors.

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