
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1540

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives D. Schmidt and Romero)

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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; and adding a new section to chapter
2 29.04 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 29.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each county auditor shall develop written election procedures
7 for the county. The written procedures must be organized clearly and
8 written using text that is easily understood. The written procedures
9 shall be in electronic format and available to the public on the
10 Internet. A physical copy of the written procedures may be provided to
11 members of the public at cost.

12 The secretary of state shall assist in the preparation of these
13 written procedures by providing model written procedures describing
14 general election procedures.

15 (2) The written procedures will describe general election
16 procedures as well as election procedures unique to the county,
17 including:

18 (a) A discussion of different types of ballots, including absentee
19 ballots, special absentee ballots, mail ballots, ballots cast at

1 polling places, challenged ballots, and how these ballots are processed
2 and tabulated;

3 (b) A discussion of any electronic vote tallying systems that may
4 be used by the county and how the systems are tested;

5 (c) How the registration of a voter may be challenged;

6 (d) A discussion of the county canvassing board and how election
7 results are canvassed and certified;

8 (e) A discussion of write-in voting and the tallying of write-in
9 votes;

10 (f) The circumstances and procedures when a true duplicate copy of
11 a ballot will be made;

12 (g) A discussion of observers appointed by major political parties;

13 (h) A discussion of the circumstances and procedures for making
14 appeals to the canvassing board;

15 (i) A discussion of the recount of votes; and

16 (j) Other matters specified by the secretary of state.

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