HOUSE BILL 2333

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By Representatives Romero, McDermott, D. Schmidt and Woods; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration applications; and amending 2 RCW 29.07.115.

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

4 **sec. 1.** RCW 29.07.115 and 1994 c 57 s 15 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 <u>No person, organization, or association may distribute voter</u> 7 <u>registration applications within this state that contain a return</u> 8 <u>address other than that of the office of the secretary of state or the</u> 9 <u>appropriate county auditor.</u>

10 <u>No person printing voter registration forms may include advertising</u> 11 <u>of any kind, or statements advocating or opposing candidates, ballot</u> 12 <u>measures, or political positions, as a part of the voter registration</u> 13 <u>application.</u>

No person distributing voter registration forms may use a postal permit or meter to pay the postage for the individual return of voter registration forms.

A person or organization collecting voter registration applications has a responsibility to protect the privacy of persons whom they are assisting with voter registration. No voter registration form, as 1 established by RCW 29.07.070, that has been signed by a prospective 2 voter, may be copied, nor may the information contained in it be 3 recorded before official processing by county or state voter 4 registration officials. 5 A person or organization collecting voter registration application

6 forms must transmit the forms to the secretary of state or a designee 7 at least once weekly.

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