

SB 5565 - H AMD 468

By Representatives Nixon, Haigh

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.40.150 and 2003 c 111 s 1015 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The secretary of state shall produce and furnish envelopes and
6 instructions for out-of-state voters, overseas voters, and service
7 voters to the county auditors. The information on the envelopes or
8 instructions must explain that:

9 (1) Return postage is free if the ballot is mailed through the
10 United States postal service, United States armed forces postal
11 service, or the postal service of a United States foreign embassy;

12 (2) The date of the signature is considered the date of mailing;

13 (3) The envelope must be signed by election day;

14 (4) The signed declaration on the envelope is the equivalent of
15 voter registration;

16 (5) A voter may fax a voted ballot and the accompanying envelope if
17 the voter agrees to waive secrecy. The ballot will be counted if the
18 original documents are received before certification of the election;
19 and

20 (6) A voter may obtain a ballot via electronic mail, which the
21 voter may print out, vote, and return by mail. In order to facilitate
22 the electronic acquisition of ballots by out-of-state, overseas, and
23 service voters, the ballot instructions shall include the web site of
24 the office of the secretary of state."

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