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By Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Nelson, and Sheldon; by
request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing costs and inefficiencies in elections;
2 amending RCW 29A.04.235, 29A.08.030, 29A.08.110, 29A.08.125,
3 29A.08.610, 29A.08.620, 29A.12.130, 29A.32.070, 29A.32.210, 29A.32.241,
4 29A.32.280, 29A.52.220, 29A.60.165, 29A.64.061, 29A.72.010, 29A.72.025,
5 29A.72.070, and 29A.76.030; repealing RCW 29A.32.031, 29A.32.032,
6 29A.32.036, 29A.32.080, and 29A.52.011; providing an effective date;
7 and declaring an emergency.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.04.235 and 2011 c 10 s 8 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 The secretary of state shall ensure that (~~each county auditor is~~
12 ~~provided with~~) the most recent version of the election laws of the
13 state, as contained in this title, and the most recent version of the
14 election administrative rules of the state, are posted on the agency's
15 web site for access by each county auditor and the public. ((Where
16 amendments have been enacted after the last compilation of the election
17 laws, he or she shall ensure that each county auditor receives a copy
18 of those amendments before the next primary or election.))

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.030 and 2009 c 369 s 7 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this
4 chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (1) "Verification notice" means a notice sent by the county auditor
6 or secretary of state to a voter registration applicant and is used to
7 verify or collect information about the applicant in order to complete
8 the registration. The verification notice must be designed to include
9 a postage prepaid, preaddressed return form by which the applicant may
10 verify or send information.

11 (2) "Acknowledgment notice" means a notice sent by nonforwardable
12 mail by the county auditor or secretary of state to a registered voter
13 to acknowledge the disposition of a voter registration (~~(transaction)~~)
14 application, which can include initial registration, transfer, or
15 reactivation of an inactive registration. An acknowledgment notice may
16 be a voter registration card.

17 (3) "Identification notice" means a notice sent to a provisionally
18 registered voter to confirm the applicant's identity.

19 (4) "Confirmation notice" means a notice sent to a registered voter
20 by first-class forwardable mail at the address indicated on the voter's
21 permanent registration record and to any other address at which the
22 county auditor or secretary of state could reasonably expect mail to be
23 received by the voter in order to confirm the voter's residence
24 address. The confirmation notice must be designed to include a postage
25 prepaid, preaddressed return form by which the registrant may verify
26 the address information.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.110 and 2009 c 369 s 10 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) An application is considered complete only if it contains the
30 information required by RCW 29A.08.010. The applicant is considered to
31 be registered to vote as of the original date of mailing or date of
32 delivery, whichever is applicable. The auditor shall record the
33 appropriate precinct identification, taxing district identification,
34 and date of registration on the voter's record in the state voter
35 registration list. Any mailing address provided shall be used only for
36 mail delivery purposes, and not for precinct assignment or residency
37 purposes. Within sixty days after the receipt of an application or

1 transfer, the auditor shall send an acknowledgment notice to the
2 applicant((~~7~~)) by first-class nonforwardable mail(~~((7-an acknowledgment~~
3 ~~notice identifying the registrant's precinct and containing such other~~
4 ~~information as may be required by the secretary of state)))). The postal
5 service shall be instructed not to forward a voter registration card to
6 any other address and to return to the auditor any card which is not
7 deliverable.~~

8 (2) If an application is not complete, the auditor shall promptly
9 mail a verification notice to the applicant. The verification notice
10 shall require the applicant to provide the missing information. If the
11 applicant provides the required information within forty-five days, the
12 applicant shall be registered to vote as of the original date of
13 application. The applicant shall not be placed on the official list of
14 registered voters until the application is complete.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.125 and 2009 c 369 s 12 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) The office of the secretary of state shall maintain a statewide
18 voter registration database. This database must be a centralized,
19 uniform, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list
20 that contains the name and registration information of every registered
21 voter in the state.

22 (2) The statewide list is the official list of registered voters
23 for the conduct of all elections.

24 (3) The statewide list must include, but is not limited to, the
25 name, date of birth, residence address, signature, gender, and date of
26 registration of every legally registered voter in the state.

27 (4) A unique identifier must be assigned to each registered voter
28 in the state.

29 (5) The database must be coordinated with other government
30 databases within the state including, but not limited to, the
31 department of corrections, the department of licensing, the department
32 of health, the administrative office of the courts, and county
33 auditors. The database may also be coordinated with the databases of
34 election officials in other states.

35 (6) Authorized employees of the secretary of state and each county
36 auditor must have immediate electronic access to the information
37 maintained in the database.

1 (7) Voter registration information received by each county auditor
2 must be electronically entered into the database. The office of the
3 secretary of state must provide support, as needed, to enable each
4 county auditor to enter and maintain voter registration information in
5 the state database.

6 (8) The secretary of state has data authority over all voter
7 registration data.

8 (9) The voter registration database must be designed to accomplish
9 at a minimum, the following:

10 (a) Comply with the help America vote act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252);

11 (b) Identify duplicate voter registrations;

12 (c) Identify suspected duplicate voters;

13 (d) Screen against any available databases maintained by other
14 government agencies to identify duplicate registrations, suspected
15 duplicate voters, and voters who are ineligible to vote due to a felony
16 conviction, lack of citizenship, or mental incompetence;

17 (e) Provide images of voters' signatures for the purpose of
18 checking signatures on initiative and referendum petitions;

19 (f) Provide for a comparison between the voter registration
20 database and the department of licensing change of address database;

21 (g) Provide access for county auditors that includes the capability
22 to update registrations and search for duplicate registrations; and

23 (h) Provide for the cancellation of registrations of voters who
24 have moved out of state.

25 (10) The secretary of state may, upon agreement with other
26 appropriate jurisdictions, screen against any available databases
27 maintained by election officials in other states and databases
28 maintained by federal agencies including, but not limited to, the
29 federal bureau of investigation, the federal court system, the federal
30 bureau of prisons, and the bureau of citizenship and immigration
31 services to accomplish the objectives in this section.

32 (11) The database shall retain information regarding previous
33 successful appeals of proposed cancellations of registrations in order
34 to avoid repeated cancellations for the same reason.

35 (12) Each county auditor shall maintain a list of all registered
36 voters within the county that are contained on the official statewide
37 voter registration list. In addition to the information maintained in

1 the statewide database, the county database must also maintain the
2 applicable taxing district and precinct codes for each voter in the
3 county, and a list of elections in which the individual voted.

4 (13) Each county auditor shall allow electronic access and
5 information transfer between the county's voter registration system and
6 the official statewide voter registration list.

7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.08.610 and 2009 c 369 s 28 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The secretary of state shall conduct an ongoing list maintenance
10 program designed to detect persons registered in more than one county
11 or state, or voting in more than one county (~~(in an election)~~) or
12 state. This program must be applied uniformly throughout the state and
13 must be nondiscriminatory in its application.

14 The office of the secretary of state shall search the statewide
15 voter registration list to find registered voters with the same date of
16 birth and similar names. Once the potential duplicate registrations
17 are identified, the secretary of state shall refer the potential
18 duplicate registrations to the appropriate county auditors, who shall
19 compare the signatures on each voter registration record and, after
20 confirming that a duplicate registration exists properly resolve the
21 duplication.

22 If a voter is suspected of voting in two or more counties in an
23 election, the county auditors in each county shall cooperate without
24 delay to determine the voter's county of residence. The county auditor
25 of the county of residence of the voter suspected of voting in two or
26 more counties shall take action under RCW 29A.84.010 without delay.

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.08.620 and 2011 c 10 s 17 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) Each county auditor must request change of address information
30 from the postal service for all mail ballots.

31 (2) The county auditor shall transfer the registration of a voter
32 and send an acknowledgment notice to the new address informing the
33 voter of the transfer if change of address information received by the
34 county auditor from the postal service, the department of licensing, or
35 another agency designated to provide voter registration services
36 indicates that the voter has moved within the county.

1 (3) The county auditor shall place a voter on inactive status and
2 send to all known addresses a confirmation notice and a voter
3 registration application if change of address information received by
4 the county auditor from the postal service, the department of
5 licensing, or another agency designated to provide voter registration
6 services indicates that the voter has moved from one county to another.

7 (4) The county auditor shall place a voter on inactive status and
8 send to all known addresses a confirmation notice if any of the
9 following occur:

10 (a) Any document mailed by the county auditor to a voter is
11 returned by the postal service as undeliverable without address
12 correction information; or

13 (b) Change of address information received from the postal service,
14 the department of licensing, or another (~~state~~) governmental agency
15 designated to provide voter registration services indicates that the
16 voter has moved out of the state.

17 **Sec. 7.** RCW 29A.12.130 and 2003 c 111 s 313 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 At least three days before each state primary or general election,
20 the office of the (~~secretary of state~~) county auditor shall (~~provide~~
21 ~~for the conduct of~~) test(~~s of~~) the programming for each vote
22 tallying system to be used at that primary or general election. The
23 test must verify that the system will correctly count the vote cast for
24 all candidates and on all measures appearing on the ballot at that
25 primary or general election. The test shall verify the capability of
26 the vote tallying system to perform all of the functions that can
27 reasonably be expected to occur during conduct of that particular
28 primary or election. If any error is detected, the cause shall be
29 determined and corrected, and an errorless total shall be produced
30 before the primary or election.

31 Such tests shall be observed by at least one representative from
32 each major political party, if representatives have been appointed by
33 the respective major political parties and are present at the test, and
34 shall be open to candidates, the press, and the public. The county
35 auditor and any political party observers shall certify that the test
36 has been conducted in accordance with this section. Copies of this
37 certification shall be retained by the (~~secretary of state and the~~)

1 county auditor. All programming materials, test results, and test
2 ballots shall be securely sealed until the day of the primary or
3 general election.

4 **Sec. 8.** RCW 29A.32.070 and 2009 c 415 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The secretary of state shall determine the format and layout of the
7 voters' pamphlet published under RCW 29A.32.010. The secretary of
8 state shall print the pamphlet in clear, readable type on a size,
9 quality, and weight of paper that in the judgment of the secretary of
10 state best serves the voters. The pamphlet must contain:

11 ~~(1) A table of contents((~~Measures and arguments must be printed~~~~
12 ~~in the order specified by RCW 29A.72.290.~~

13 ~~The voters' pamphlet must provide the following information));~~

14 ~~(2) For each statewide ((~~issue on the ballot except measures for an~~~~
15 ~~advisory vote of the people whose requirements are provided in~~
16 ~~subsection (11) of this section)) ballot measure, listed in the order~~
17 ~~specified by RCW 29A.72.290:~~

18 ~~((1))~~ (a) The legal identification of the measure by serial
19 designation or number;

20 ~~((2))~~ (b) The official ballot title of the measure;

21 ~~((3))~~ (c) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining
22 the law as it presently exists;

23 ~~((4))~~ (d) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining
24 the effect of the proposed measure if it becomes law;

25 ~~((5))~~ (e) The fiscal impact statement prepared under RCW
26 29A.72.025;

27 ~~((6))~~ (f) The total number of votes cast for and against the
28 measure in the senate and house of representatives, if the measure has
29 been passed by the legislature;

30 ~~((7))~~ (g) An argument advocating the voters' approval of the
31 measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing
32 argument;

33 ~~((8))~~ (h) An argument advocating the voters' rejection of the
34 measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing
35 argument; and

36 ~~((9))~~ (i) Each argument or rebuttal statement must be followed by

1 the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may be
2 followed by a telephone number and web site that citizens may ((call))
3 use to obtain information on the ballot measure;

4 ~~((10) The full text of the measure;~~

5 ~~(11) Two pages shall be provided in the general election voters'~~
6 ~~pamphlet for each measure for an advisory vote of the people under RCW~~
7 ~~43.135.041 and shall consist of the serial number assigned by the~~
8 ~~secretary of state under RCW 29A.72.040, the short description~~
9 ~~formulated by the attorney general under RCW 29A.72.283, the tax~~
10 ~~increase's most up-to-date ten-year cost projection, including a~~
11 ~~year-by-year breakdown, by the office of financial management under RCW~~
12 ~~43.135.031, and the names of the legislators, and their contact~~
13 ~~information, and how they voted on the increase upon final passage so~~
14 ~~they can provide information to, and answer questions from, the public.~~
15 ~~For the purposes of this subsection, "names of legislators, and their~~
16 ~~contact information" includes each legislator's position (senator or~~
17 ~~representative), first name, last name, party affiliation (for example,~~
18 ~~Democrat or Republican), city or town they live in, office phone~~
19 ~~number, and office e-mail address)) (3) For candidate races:~~

20 (a) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
21 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the United
22 States, United States senator, United States representative, governor,
23 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state
24 auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands, superintendent
25 of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state senator, state
26 representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of
27 appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may also submit
28 campaign contact information and a photograph not more than five years
29 old in a format that the secretary of state determines to be suitable
30 for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

31 (b) In odd-numbered years, if any office voted upon statewide
32 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and photographs
33 for candidates for any vacant statewide office listed in (a) of this
34 subsection;

35 (c) For partisan office, the political party preference of each
36 candidate who has expressed a party preference on his or her
37 declaration of candidacy;

1 (4) Information on how to register to vote and update a
2 registration;

3 (5) Contact information for the public disclosure commission
4 established under RCW 42.17A.100; and

5 (6) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be
6 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is deemed
7 informative to the voters.

8 **Sec. 9.** RCW 29A.32.210 and 2003 c 111 s 813 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 At least ninety days before any primary or general election, or at
11 least ~~((forty))~~ fifty days before any special election held under RCW
12 ~~((29A.04.320))~~ 29A.04.321 or 29A.04.330, the legislative authority of
13 any county or first-class or code city may adopt an ordinance
14 authorizing the publication and distribution of a local voters'
15 pamphlet. The pamphlet shall provide information on all measures
16 within that jurisdiction and may, if specified in the ordinance,
17 include information on candidates within that jurisdiction. If both a
18 county and a first-class or code city within that county authorize a
19 local voters' pamphlet for the same election, the pamphlet shall be
20 produced jointly by the county and the first-class or code city. If no
21 agreement can be reached between the county and first-class or code
22 city, the county and first-class or code city may each produce a
23 pamphlet. Any ordinance adopted authorizing a local voters' pamphlet
24 may be for a specific primary, special election, or general election or
25 for any future primaries or elections. ~~((The format of any local~~
26 ~~voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions~~
27 ~~of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and~~
28 ~~voters' pamphlets.))~~

29 **Sec. 10.** RCW 29A.32.241 and 2011 c 10 s 29 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 ~~((The))~~ A printed and mailed local voters' pamphlet shall include
32 but not be limited to the following:

33 (1) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters'
34 pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, and the
35 date of the election or primary;

1 (2) A list of jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in the
2 pamphlet;

3 (3) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain a
4 ballot;

5 (4) ~~((The text of each measure accompanied by))~~ For each ballot
6 measure, an explanatory statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney
7 for any county measure or by the attorney for the jurisdiction
8 submitting the measure if other than a county measure. All explanatory
9 statements for city, town, or district measures not approved by the
10 attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure shall be reviewed
11 and approved by the county prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when
12 applicable, before inclusion in the pamphlet; and

13 (5) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by
14 committees ~~((selected))~~ appointed pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280~~((; and~~

15 ~~((6) For partisan primary elections, information on how to vote the~~
16 ~~applicable ballot format and an explanation that minor political party~~
17 ~~candidates and independent candidates will appear only on the general~~
18 ~~election ballot)).~~

19 **Sec. 11.** RCW 29A.32.280 and 2003 c 111 s 820 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 For each measure from a unit of local government that is included
22 in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that
23 jurisdiction shall~~((; not later than forty five days before the~~
24 ~~publication of the pamphlet,))~~ formally appoint a committee to prepare
25 arguments advocating ~~((voters'))~~ approval of the measure and ~~((shall~~
26 ~~formally appoint))~~ a committee to prepare arguments advocating
27 ~~((voters'))~~ rejection of the measure. The authority shall appoint
28 persons known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating
29 approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose
30 the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection. Each
31 committee shall have not more than three members, however, a committee
32 may seek the advice of any person or persons. If the legislative
33 authority of a unit of local government fails to make such appointments
34 by the prescribed deadline, the county auditor shall whenever possible
35 make the appointments. Appointments and submission of arguments must
36 occur by the deadlines established in administrative rule adopted
37 pursuant to RCW 29A.32.230.

1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 29A.52.220 and 2005 c 153 s 10 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) No primary may be held for any single position in any (~~city,~~
4 ~~town, district, or district court, as required by RCW 29A.52.210~~)
5 nonpartisan office, if, after the last day allowed for candidates to
6 withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for the position.
7 The county auditor shall, as soon as possible, notify all the
8 candidates so affected that the office for which they filed will not
9 appear on the primary ballot.

10 (2) No primary may be held for nonpartisan offices in any first-
11 class city if the city:

12 (a) Is a qualifying city that has been certified to participate in
13 the pilot project authorized by RCW 29A.53.020; and

14 (b) Is conducting an election using the instant runoff voting
15 method for the pilot project authorized by RCW 29A.53.020.

16 (c) This subsection (2) expires July 1, 2013.

17 (3) No primary may be held for the office of commissioner of a park
18 and recreation district or for the office of cemetery district
19 commissioner.

20 (4) Names of candidates for offices that do not appear on the
21 primary ballot shall be printed upon the general election ballot in the
22 manner specified by RCW 29A.36.131.

23 **Sec. 13.** RCW 29A.60.165 and 2011 c 10 s 54 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) If the voter neglects to sign the ballot declaration, or the
26 handwriting of the signature on the ballot declaration does not match
27 the handwriting of the signature in the voter registration file, the
28 county auditor shall notify the voter by telephone, e-mail, or first-
29 class mail and advise the voter of the correct procedures for
30 completing the unsigned declaration or advise the voter of the correct
31 procedures for updating his or her signature in the voter registration
32 file. (~~If the ballot is received within three business days of the~~
33 ~~final meeting of the canvassing board, or the voter has been notified~~
34 ~~by first class mail and has not responded at least three business days~~
35 ~~before the final meeting of the canvassing board, then the auditor~~
36 ~~shall attempt to notify the voter by telephone, using the voter~~
37 ~~registration record information.~~

1 ~~(2)(a) If the handwriting of the signature on a ballot declaration~~
2 ~~is not the same as the handwriting of the signature on the registration~~
3 ~~file, the auditor shall notify the voter by first class mail, enclosing~~
4 ~~a copy of the declaration, and advise the voter of the correct~~
5 ~~procedures for updating his or her signature on the voter registration~~
6 ~~file. If the ballot is received within three business days of the~~
7 ~~final meeting of the canvassing board, or the voter has been notified~~
8 ~~by first class mail and has not responded at least three business days~~
9 ~~before the final meeting of the canvassing board, then the auditor~~
10 ~~shall attempt to notify the voter by telephone, using the voter~~
11 ~~registration record information.~~

12 ~~(b))~~ (2) If the signature on a ballot declaration is not the same
13 as the signature on the registration file because the name is
14 different, the ballot may be counted as long as the handwriting is
15 clearly the same. The auditor shall send the voter a change-of-name
16 form under RCW 29A.08.440 and direct the voter to complete the form.

17 ~~((c))~~ (3) If the signature on a ballot declaration is not the
18 same as the signature on the registration file because the voter used
19 initials or a common nickname, the ballot may be counted as long as the
20 surname and handwriting are clearly the same.

21 ~~((3))~~ (4) A voter may not cure a missing or mismatched signature
22 for purposes of counting the ballot in a recount.

23 ~~((4))~~ (5) A record must be kept of all ballots with missing and
24 mismatched signatures. The record must contain the date on which the
25 voter was contacted or the notice was mailed, as well as the date on
26 which the voter signed the envelope, a copy of the envelope, a new
27 registration form, or a change-of-name form. That record is a public
28 record under chapter 42.56 RCW and may be disclosed to interested
29 parties on written request.

30 **Sec. 14.** RCW 29A.64.061 and 2005 c 243 s 21 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 Upon completion of the canvass of a recount, the canvassing board
33 shall prepare and certify an amended abstract showing the votes cast in
34 each precinct for which the recount was conducted. Copies of the
35 amended abstracts must be transmitted to the same officers who received
36 the abstract on which the recount was based. The results of a manual

1 recount may be certified by batch, instead of precinct, if the original
2 count can be reported by batch.

3 If the nomination, election, or issue for which the recount was
4 conducted was submitted only to the voters of a county, the canvassing
5 board shall file the amended abstract with the original results of that
6 election or primary.

7 If the nomination, election, or issue for which a recount was
8 conducted was submitted to the voters of more than one county, the
9 secretary of state shall canvass the amended abstracts and shall file
10 an amended abstract with the original results of that election. The
11 secretary of state may require that the amended abstracts be certified
12 by each canvassing board on a uniform date. An amended abstract
13 certified under this section supersedes any prior abstract of the
14 results for the same offices or issues at the same primary or election.

15 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29A.72.010 and 2003 c 111 s 1802 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 If any legal voter of the state, either individually or on behalf
18 of an organization, desires to petition the legislature to enact a
19 proposed measure, or submit a proposed initiative measure to the
20 people, or order that a referendum of all or part of any act, bill, or
21 law, passed by the legislature be submitted to the people, he or she
22 shall file with the secretary of state:

23 (1) A legible copy of the measure proposed, or the act or part of
24 such act on which a referendum is desired(~~(, accompanied by an)~~);

25 (2) A signed affidavit, or electronic submission, that the sponsor
26 is a (~~legal~~) registered voter; and

27 (3) A filing fee prescribed under RCW 43.07.120.

28 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29A.72.025 and 2009 c 415 s 7 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 The office of financial management, in consultation with the
31 secretary of state, the attorney general, and any other appropriate
32 state or local agency, shall prepare a fiscal impact statement for each
33 of the following state ballot measures: (1) An initiative to the
34 people that is certified to the ballot; (2) an initiative to the
35 legislature that will appear on the ballot; (3) an alternative measure
36 appearing on the ballot that the legislature proposes to an initiative

1 to the legislature; (4) a referendum bill referred to voters by the
2 legislature; and (5) a referendum measure appearing on the ballot.
3 Fiscal impact statements must be written in clear and concise language,
4 avoid legal and technical terms when possible, and be filed with the
5 secretary of state no later than the tenth day of August. Fiscal
6 impact statements may include easily understood graphics.

7 A fiscal impact statement must describe any projected increase or
8 decrease in revenues, costs, expenditures, or indebtedness that the
9 state or local governments will experience if the ballot measure were
10 approved by state voters. Where appropriate, a fiscal impact statement
11 may include both estimated dollar amounts and a description placing the
12 estimated dollar amounts into context. A fiscal impact statement must
13 include ~~((both))~~ a summary ~~((of not to exceed one hundred words and))~~,
14 a more detailed statement ~~((that includes))~~, and, if applicable, how to
15 find additional information on the web site of the office of financial
16 management. The assumptions that were made to develop the fiscal
17 impacts must be posted on the web site of the office of financial
18 management.

19 Fiscal impact statements must be available online from the
20 secretary of state's web site and included in the state voters'
21 pamphlet. Additional information may be posted on the web site of the
22 office of financial management.

23 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29A.72.070 and 2003 c 111 s 1808 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Upon the filing of the ballot title and summary for a state
26 initiative or referendum measure in the office of secretary of state,
27 the secretary of state shall notify ~~((by telephone and by mail, and, if~~
28 ~~requested, by other electronic means,))~~ the person proposing the
29 measure, ~~((the prime sponsor of a referendum bill or alternative to an~~
30 ~~initiative to the legislature, the chief clerk of the house of~~
31 ~~representatives, the secretary of the senate,))~~ and any other
32 individuals who have made written request for such notification of the
33 exact language of the ballot title and summary.

34 **Sec. 18.** RCW 29A.76.030 and 2003 c 111 s 1903 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 If the boundaries of any ~~((city, township, or rural precinct))~~

1 electoral jurisdiction are changed in the manner provided by law, the
2 county auditor shall ~~((transfer))~~ update the registration ~~((cards))~~
3 records of every registered voter whose place of residence is affected
4 thereby ~~((to the files of the proper precinct, noting thereon the name~~
5 ~~or number of the new precinct, or change the addresses, the precinct~~
6 ~~names or numbers, and the special district designations for those~~
7 ~~registered voters on the voter registration lists of the county))~~. It
8 shall not be necessary for any registered voter whose ~~((residence))~~
9 registration has been changed from one precinct to another, by a change
10 of boundary, to apply to the ~~((registration officer))~~ county auditor
11 for a transfer of registration. The county auditor shall either make
12 personalized jurisdiction information available online, or mail a
13 notice to each ~~((registrant in the new precinct a notice that his or~~
14 ~~her precinct has been changed from to, and that~~
15 ~~thereafter the registrant will be entitled to vote in the new precinct,~~
16 ~~giving the name or number))~~ registered voter.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. The following acts or parts of acts are
18 each repealed:

- 19 (1) RCW 29A.32.031 (Contents) and 2011 c 60 s 13, 2009 c 415 s 2,
20 2008 c 1 s 12, & 2004 c 271 s 121;
21 (2) RCW 29A.32.032 (Party preference) and 2005 c 2 s 11;
22 (3) RCW 29A.32.036 (Even year primary contents) and 2004 c 271 s
23 122;
24 (4) RCW 29A.32.080 (Amendatory style) and 2003 c 111 s 808; and
25 (5) RCW 29A.52.011 (Elections to fill unexpired term--No primary,
26 when) and 2006 c 344 s 14 & 2004 c 271 s 172.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. Sections 8 and 10 of this act take effect
28 January 1, 2013.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. Except for sections 8 and 10 of this act,
30 this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
31 peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its
32 existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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