
SENATE BILL 6474

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By Senators Frockt, Habib, Billig, Hasegawa, Jayapal, Rolfes, Lias, McCoy, Fain, Pedersen, Conway, McAuliffe, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to student voters; and adding a new section to
2 chapter 28B.10 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 28B.10
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The institutions of higher education shall each adopt a plan,
7 in consultation with the recognized student government of the
8 institution, to increase student voter registration and voting in
9 elections. Each plan shall:

10 (a) Ensure that all students receive information about voting and
11 the opportunities available on campus to register to vote;

12 (b) Ensure that all students receive information about activities
13 relating to voting that are prohibited by law and the penalties for
14 those activities;

15 (c) Address the distribution and collection of voter registration
16 applications and informational materials about online voter
17 registration, during the first three weeks of each academic term;

18 (d) Require that voter registration applications and
19 informational materials about online voter registration be made
20 available in residence halls, campus bookstores, places where

1 students register for classes, financial aid offices, and student
2 adviser offices;

3 (e) Require college and institution administrators to communicate
4 with faculty, staff, and students about deadlines for voter
5 registration; and

6 (f) Include a campus-wide advertising campaign to advise students
7 of the deadline for delivering ballots by mail.

8 (2) Each institution of higher education shall adopt the plan
9 required by subsection (1) of this section not later than December
10 31, 2016. Beginning in 2018, and every subsequent two years
11 thereafter, each institution of higher education shall revisit the
12 plan required by subsection (1) of this section in consultation with
13 the recognized student government of the institution.

14 (3) Each institution of higher education shall submit its plan to
15 the higher education committees of the legislature by January 31,
16 2017.

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