CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5336

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BALLOT RETURN BOXES--CRIMES

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CYRUS HABIB
President of the Senate

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Yea 97  Nay 1

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Approved May 10, 2017 11:36 AM

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SENATE BILL 5336 as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN
Secretary

FILED
May 10, 2017

JAY INSLEE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to criminalizing damaging, destroying, tampering, or removing ballot return boxes or contents; amending RCW 9A.48.070, 9A.48.080, and 29A.84.540; and prescribing penalties.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 9A.48.070 and 2009 c 431 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of malicious mischief in the first degree if he or she knowingly and maliciously:

(a) Causes physical damage to the property of another in an amount exceeding five thousand dollars;

(b) Causes an interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public by physically damaging or tampering with an emergency vehicle or property of the state, a political subdivision thereof, or a public utility or mode of public transportation, power, or communication; ((or))

(c) Causes an impairment of the safety, efficiency, or operation of an aircraft by physically damaging or tampering with the aircraft or aircraft equipment, fuel, lubricant, or parts; or

(d) Causes an interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public by, without lawful authority, physically damaging, destroying, or removing an official ballot deposit box or ballot drop box.
box or, without lawful authority, damaging, destroying, removing, or tampering with the contents thereof.

(2) Malicious mischief in the first degree is a class B felony.

Sec. 2. RCW 9A.48.080 and 2009 c 431 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of malicious mischief in the second degree if he or she knowingly and maliciously:

(a) Causes physical damage to the property of another in an amount exceeding seven hundred fifty dollars; (or)

(b) Creates a substantial risk of interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public, by physically damaging or tampering with an emergency vehicle or property of the state, a political subdivision thereof, or a public utility or mode of public transportation, power, or communication; or

(c) Creates a substantial risk of interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public by, without lawful authority, physically damaging, destroying, or removing an official ballot deposit box or ballot drop box or, without lawful authority, damaging, destroying, removing, or tampering with the contents thereof.

(2) Malicious mischief in the second degree is a class C felony.

Sec. 3. RCW 29A.84.540 and 2011 c 10 s 72 are each amended to read as follows:

Any person who, without lawful authority, removes a ballot from a voting center or ballot drop location is guilty of a gross misdemeanor class C felony punishable to the same extent as a gross misdemeanor class C felony that is punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

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