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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring additional information in
2 reconciliation reports; and amending RCW 29A.60.235.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.235 and 2018 c 218 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The county auditor shall prepare at the time of certification
7 an election reconciliation report that discloses the following
8 information:

9 (a) The number of registered voters;

10 (b) The total number of ballots issued, received, counted, and
11 rejected;

12 (c) The number of ballots, categorized by precinct, that are
13 issued, received, counted, and rejected;

14 (d) ~~((The number of ballots counted;~~

15 ~~-(e) The number of ballots rejected;~~

16 ~~-(f))~~ The number of provisional ballots issued;

17 ~~((g))~~ (e) The number of provisional ballots received;

18 ~~((h))~~ (f) The number of provisional ballots counted;

19 ~~((i))~~ (g) The number of provisional ballots rejected;

20 ~~((j))~~ (h) The number of federal write-in ballots received;

21 ~~((k))~~ (i) The number of federal write-in ballots counted;

1 ~~((l))~~ (j) The number of federal write-in ballots rejected;

2 ~~((m))~~ (k) The number of overseas and service ballots issued by

3 mail, email, web site link, or facsimile;

4 ~~((n))~~ (l) The number of overseas and service ballots received

5 by mail, email, or facsimile;

6 ~~((o))~~ (m) The number of overseas and service ballots counted by

7 mail, email, or facsimile;

8 ~~((p))~~ (n) The number of overseas and service ballots rejected

9 by mail, email, or facsimile;

10 ~~((q))~~ (o) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots sent

11 by email, web site link, or facsimile;

12 ~~((r))~~ (p) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots

13 received by email or facsimile;

14 ~~((s))~~ (q) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots that

15 were rejected ~~((for:~~

16 ~~(i) Failing to send an original or hard copy of the ballot by the~~

17 ~~certification deadline; or~~

18 ~~(ii) Any other reason, including the reason for rejection))~~;

19 ~~((t))~~ (r) The number of voters credited with voting;

20 ~~((u))~~ (s) The number of replacement ballots requested;

21 ~~((v))~~ (t) The number of replacement ballots issued;

22 ~~((w))~~ (u) The number of replacement ballots received;

23 ~~((x))~~ (v) The number of replacement ballots counted;

24 ~~((y))~~ (w) The number of replacement ballots rejected; ~~((and~~

25 ~~(z))~~ (x) The number of ballots cast in person at a voting center

26 or the county auditor's office, including the number received,

27 counted, and rejected;

28 (y) The number of ballots cast using a direct recording

29 electronic voting device or in-person ballot marking system,

30 categorized by type of voting device or system used, including the

31 number received, counted, and rejected;

32 (z) The number of ballots received, counted, and rejected from

33 voters using a nonsignature distinctive mark or symbol to sign the

34 ballot declaration, categorized by each ballot type, including but

35 not limited to: Provisional ballots, overseas and service ballots,

36 nonoverseas and nonservice ballots, federal write-in ballots, and

37 replacement ballots;

38 (aa) The number of duplicated ballots;

39 (bb) The number of discrepancies found during the audit of

40 duplicated ballots pursuant to RCW 29A.60.185;

1 (cc) The total number of ballots deposited in a ballot box;
2 (dd) For any rejected ballots reported, the number of ballots
3 rejected because:
4 (i) Of a missing signature;
5 (ii) The signature on the declaration did not match the signature
6 on file;
7 (iii) The ballot was postmarked after the deadline pursuant to
8 RCW 29A.40.110;
9 (iv) The voter has already received credit for voting in the same
10 general election, special election, or primary;
11 (v) Of failure to send an original or hard copy of the ballot, if
12 initially sent by email or facsimile, by the certification deadline;
13 or
14 (vi) Of any other reason, including the reason for rejection; and
15 (ee) Any other information the auditor or secretary of state
16 deems necessary to reconcile the number of ballots counted with the
17 number of voters credited with voting, and to maintain an audit
18 trail.

19 (2) The county auditor shall reconcile the information in
20 subsection (1)(b) of this section with the information in subsection
21 (1)(c) of this section. Any discrepancies must be documented in the
22 reconciliation report, including the reason for the discrepancy.

23 (3) The county auditor must make the report available to the
24 public at the auditor's office and must publish the report on the
25 auditor's web site at the time of certification. The county auditor
26 must submit the report to the secretary of state at the time of
27 certification in any form determined by the secretary of state.

28 ~~((3))~~ (4) (a) The secretary of state must collect the
29 reconciliation reports from each county auditor and prepare a
30 statewide reconciliation report for each state primary and general
31 election. The report may be produced in a form determined by the
32 secretary that includes the information as described in this
33 subsection ~~((3))~~ (4). The report must be prepared and published on
34 the secretary of state's web site within two months after the last
35 county's election results have been certified.

36 (b) The state report must include a comparison among counties on
37 rates of votes received, counted, and rejected, including
38 provisional, write-in, overseas ballots, and ballots transmitted
39 electronically. The comparison information may be in the form of

1 rankings, percentages, or other relevant quantifiable data that can
2 be used to measure performance and trends.

3 (c) The state report must also include an analysis of the data
4 that can be used to develop a better understanding of election
5 administration and policy. The analysis must combine data, as
6 available, over multiple years to provide broader comparisons and
7 trends regarding voter registration and turnout and ballot counting.
8 The analysis must incorporate national election statistics to the
9 extent such information is available.

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