
SENATE BILL 5226

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By Senators C. Anderson, McCaslin, Heavey and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to canvassing of mail-only-ballot special
2 elections; and amending RCW 29.62.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.62.020 and 1987 c 54 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 No later than the tenth day after a special election or primary or
7 the twentieth day after a spring special election conducted by mail-
8 ballot-only under RCW 29.36.120, and no later than the fifteenth day
9 after a general election, the county auditor shall convene the county
10 canvassing board to process the absentee ballots and canvass the votes
11 cast at that primary or election. On the tenth day after a special
12 election or a primary, or the twentieth day after a spring special
13 election conducted by mail-only-ballot, and on the fifteenth day after
14 a general election, the canvassing board shall complete the canvass and
15 certify the results. All properly and timely voted absentee ballots
16 which have been received on or before the date on which the primary or
17 election is certified shall be included in the canvass. Meetings of
18 the county canvassing board are public meetings under chapter 42.30
19 RCW. The county canvassing board shall consist of the county auditor,

1 the chairman of the county legislative authority, and the prosecuting
2 attorney or designated representatives of those officials.

3 At the request of any caucus of the state legislature, the county
4 auditor shall transmit copies of all unofficial returns of state and
5 legislative primaries or elections prepared by or for the county
6 canvassing board to either the secretary of the senate or the chief
7 clerk of the house.

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