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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2513**

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**By** House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Keiser, D. Schmidt, Scott and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to candidates' and voters' pamphlets; amending RCW  
2 29.80.010; and adding a new section to chapter 29.81 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.80.010 and 1987 c 295 s 17 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The secretary of state shall publish a candidates' pamphlet as  
7 soon as possible before each state general election at which one or  
8 more federal or state officials, including the office of superior court  
9 judge and judge of the court of appeals, are to be elected((, the  
10 secretary of state shall publish and mail to each individual place of  
11 residence of the state a candidates' pamphlet containing)) or at which  
12 a person is to be elected to fill a vacancy in such an office. In  
13 addition, the secretary of state shall publish a candidates' pamphlet  
14 for a primary held to nominate persons for a federal or state office or  
15 to nominate persons to be elected to fill a vacancy in such an office,  
16 if sufficient time exists and sufficient money has been appropriated  
17 for this purpose.

18 The secretary of state shall mail a candidates' pamphlet to each  
19 individual place of residence in the state, if voters state-wide will

1 vote for any of these offices at that election or primary. However,  
2 the secretary of state need only mail a candidates' pamphlet to each  
3 individual place of residence in the applicable congressional,  
4 legislative, or judicial district or districts, or county or counties,  
5 where the election or primary is being held, if no state-wide elective  
6 office being considered at the election or primary. Candidates'  
7 pamphlets must also be distributed as provided under RCW 29.81.140,  
8 29.81.150, and 29.81.180 for the added distribution of voters'  
9 pamphlets.

10 In lieu of publishing and mailing a candidates' pamphlet on less  
11 than a state-wide basis for a primary or general election, the  
12 secretary of state may contract with a county auditor or auditors under  
13 section 2 of this act to include these materials in a local voters'  
14 pamphlet prepared and mailed in the applicable county, counties, or  
15 congressional, legislative, or judicial district or districts.

16 (2) A candidates' pamphlet must contain photographs and campaign  
17 statements of eligible candidates or nominees who desire to participate  
18 therein, together with a campaign mailing address and telephone number  
19 submitted by the candidate or nominee at the candidate's or nominee's  
20 option(~~(, and)~~). In addition, a candidates' pamphlet for a general  
21 election in an even-numbered (~~(years containing)~~) year must contain a  
22 description of the office of precinct committee officer and its duties,  
23 in order that voters will understand that (~~(the office is a state~~  
24 office and)) these positions will be found on the ballot of the  
25 forthcoming general election. (~~(In odd-numbered years no candidates'~~  
26 pamphlet may be published unless an election is to be held to fill a  
27 vacancy in one or more of the following state-wide elective offices:  
28 United States senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of  
29 state, state treasurer, state auditor, attorney general, superintendent  
30 of public instruction, commissioner of public lands, insurance  
31 commissioner, or justice of the supreme court.))

32 (3) The secretary of state shall adopt rules providing for  
33 candidates' pamphlets at primary elections.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29.81 RCW  
35 to read as follows:

36 The secretary of state may contract with a county auditor for  
37 information on persons running as candidates for a federal or state  
38 office, including the office of superior court judge and judge of the

1 court of appeals, to be included in the county voters' pamphlet  
2 prepared for a primary election. The amount paid to a county for  
3 including this information may not exceed the county's actual  
4 additional publishing cost for including this information in the  
5 pamphlet.

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