

SSB 5499 - S AMD TO S AMD (KAST HESS 016) 228
By Senator Benton

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1 On page 16, after line 2 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.60
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 Before a county auditor may make a final certification of election
5 returns, the county auditor shall reconcile by precinct the number of
6 ballots counted from the precinct and the number of voters credited
7 with having cast a counted ballot. The number of ballots counted and
8 the number of voters who cast those ballots will always be equal in a
9 properly administered election. The county auditor shall report by
10 precinct any variance between the number of ballots and the number of
11 voters. If the total number of ballots without voters, or voters
12 without ballots, exceeds the winning margin in an election or primary,
13 the election or primary as to that position is void. No certificate of
14 election may be issued. A revote for that position must be held within
15 sixty days."

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
17 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: (1) Requires that before a county auditor certifies
election returns, they must reconcile the number of ballots counted
with the number of voters credited with having cast a counted ballot;

(2) Requires a revote if the total number of ballots without voters
exceeds the winning margin in an election or primary; and

(3) Requires a revote be held within 60 days.

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