

VETO MESSAGE ON SSB 6122

May 8, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 1, Substitute Senate Bill 6122 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to reducing costs of the elections division of the office of the secretary of state."

Section 1 of Substitute Senate Bill 6122 exempts the Elections Division from being required to use the State Printer for printing Voter Pamphlets. The State Printer provides consolidated and centralized print services on behalf of the State. Preserving that centralized capability brings important cost savings and efficiencies to State agencies. If the State Printer is not able to meet the price available to the Office of the Secretary of State from other printers, however, I will direct the State Printer to allow the Office of the Secretary of State to print the Voter Pamphlet elsewhere.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1 of Substitute Senate Bill 6122. With the exception of Section 1, Substitute Senate Bill 6122 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gregoire
Governor