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- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:
- 3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.08.010 and 2009 c 369 s 6 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- 5 (1) The minimum information provided on a voter registration 6 application that is required in order to place a voter registration 7 applicant on the voter registration rolls includes:
- 8 (a) Name;

- (b) Residential address;
- 10 (c) Date of birth;
- 11 (d) A signature attesting to the truth of the information 12 provided on the application; and
- 13 (e) A check or indication in the box confirming the individual is 14 a United States citizen.
- (2) The residential address provided must identify the actual 15 physical residence of the voter in Washington, as defined in RCW 16 17 29A.04.151, with detail sufficient to allow the voter to be assigned to the proper precinct and to locate the voter to confirm his or her 18 residence for purposes of verifying qualification to vote under 19 20 Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution. A residential 21 address may be either a traditional address or a nontraditional 22 address. A traditional address consists of a street number and name, 23 optional apartment number or unit number, and city or town, as assigned by a local government, which serves to identify the parcel 24 25 or building of residence and the unit if a multiunit residence. A 26 nontraditional address consists of a narrative description of the 27 location of the voter's residence, and may be used when a traditional 28 address has not been assigned or affixed to the voter's residence or 29 when a voter resides on an Indian reservation or Indian lands, 30 pursuant to the conditions in RCW 29A.08.112.
- 31 (3) All other information supplied is ancillary and not to be 32 used as grounds for not registering an applicant to vote.

- 1 (4) Modification of the language of the official Washington state 2 voter registration form by the voter will not be accepted and will 3 cause the rejection of the registrant's application.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.112 and 2006 c 320 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) No person registering to vote, who meets all the qualifications of a registered voter in the state of Washington, shall be disqualified because he or she lacks a traditional residential address. A voter who lacks a traditional residential address will be registered and assigned to a precinct based on the location provided.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a voter who resides in a shelter, park, motor home, marina, <u>unmarked home</u>, or other identifiable location that the voter deems to be his or her residence lacks a traditional address. A voter who registers under this section must provide a valid mailing address, and must still meet the requirement in Article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution that he or she live in the area for at least thirty days before the election.
- 20 <u>(3) A nontraditional residential address may be used when a voter</u> 21 <u>resides on an Indian reservation or on Indian lands.</u>
 - (4) A federally recognized tribe may designate one or more tribal government buildings to serve as a residential address or mailing address or both for voters living on an Indian reservation or on Indian lands. However, a voter may not use a tribally designated building as the voter's residential address if the building is in a different precinct than where the voter lives.
- 28 <u>(5)</u> A person who has a traditional residential address <u>and does</u>
 29 <u>not reside on an Indian reservation or on Indian lands</u> must use that
 30 address for voter registration purposes and is not eligible to
 31 register under this section.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.123 and 2007 c 157 s 1 are each amended to 33 read as follows:
- (1) A person who has a valid Washington state driver's license ((er)), state identification card, or tribal identification may submit a voter registration application electronically on the secretary of state's web site. A person who has a valid tribal identification card may submit a voter registration electronically on Code Rev/KS:lel

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the secretary of state's web site if the secretary of state is able to obtain a copy of the applicant's signature from the federal government or the tribal government.

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- (2) The applicant must attest to the truth of the information provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true.
- (3) The applicant must affirmatively assent to use of his or her driver's license ((or)), state identification card, or tribal identification card signature for voter registration purposes.
- 10 (4) A voter registration application submitted electronically is 11 otherwise considered a registration by mail.
 - (5) For each electronic application, the secretary of state must obtain a digital copy of the applicant's driver's license or state identification card signature from the department of licensing or tribal identification issuing authority.
- 16 (6) The secretary of state may employ additional security 17 measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of voter registration 18 applications submitted electronically.
- 19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.310 and 2009 c 369 s 19 are each amended to 20 read as follows:
 - (1) The governor, in consultation with the secretary of state, shall designate agencies to provide voter registration services in compliance with federal statutes.
 - (2) A federally recognized tribe may request that the governor designate one or more state facilities or state-funded facilities or programs that are located on the lands of the requesting Indian tribe or that are substantially engaged in providing services to Indian tribes, as selected by the tribe, to provide voter registration services. This provision does not alter the state's obligations under the national voter registration act.
- 31 <u>(3)</u> Each state agency designated shall provide voter registration 32 services for employees and the public within each office of that 33 agency.
 - $((\frac{3}{3}))$ (4) The secretary of state shall design and provide a standard notice informing the public of the availability of voter registration, which notice shall be posted in each state agency where such services are available.
- 38 $((\frac{4}{1}))$ (5) Each institution of higher education shall put in 39 place an active prompt on its course registration web site, or Code Rev/KS:lel 3 H-2020.E/19

- 1 similar web site that students actively and regularly use, that, if
- 2 selected, will link the student to the secretary of state's voter
- 3 registration web site. The prompt must ask the student if he or she
- 4 wishes to register to vote.

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- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.40 6 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The county auditor must prevent overflow of each ballot drop box to allow a voter to deposit his or her ballot securely. Ballots must be removed from a ballot drop box by at least two people, with a record kept of the date and time ballots were removed, and the names of people removing them. Ballots from drop boxes must be returned to the counting center in secured transport containers. A copy of the record must be placed in the container, and one copy must be transported with the ballots to the counting center, where the seal number must be verified by the county auditor or a designated representative. All ballot drop boxes must be secured at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election, or general election.
 - (2) The county auditor must establish a minimum of one ballot drop box per fifteen thousand registered voters in the county and a minimum of one ballot drop box in each city, town, and census-designated place in the county with a post office.
 - (3) At the request of a federally recognized Indian tribe with a reservation in the county, the county auditor must establish at least one ballot drop box on the Indian reservation on a site selected by the tribe that is accessible to the county auditor by a public road.
 - (4) A federally recognized Indian tribe may designate at least one building as a ballot pickup and collection location at no cost to the tribe. The designated building must be accessible to the county auditor by a public road. The county auditor of the county in which the building is located must collect ballots from that location in compliance with the procedures in subsection (1) of this section.
- 32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 29A.40.160 and 2018 c 112 s 4 are each amended to 33 read as follows:
- 34 (1) Each county auditor shall open a voting center each primary, 35 special election, and general election. The voting center shall be 36 open during business hours during the voting period, which begins 37 eighteen days before, and ends at 8:00 p.m. on the day of, the 38 primary, special election, or general election.

- 1 (2) Each county auditor shall register voters in person at each of the following locations in the county:
 - (a) At the county auditor's office;

- (b) At the division of elections, if located in a separate city from the county auditor's office; and
- (c) For each presidential general election, at a voting center in each city in the county with a population of one hundred thousand or greater, which does not have a voting center as required in (a) or (b) of this subsection. A voting center opened pursuant to this subsection (2) is not required to be open on the Sunday before the presidential election.
- (3) Voting centers shall be located in public buildings or buildings that are leased by a public entity including, but not limited to, libraries.
- (4) Each voting center, and at least one of the other locations designated by the county auditor to allow voters to register in person pursuant to RCW 29A.08.140(1)(b), must provide voter registration materials, ballots, provisional ballots, disability access voting units, sample ballots, instructions on how to properly vote the ballot, a ballot drop box, and voters' pamphlets, if a voters' pamphlet has been published.
- (5) Each voting center must be accessible to persons with disabilities. Each state agency and entity of local government shall permit the use of any of its accessible facilities as voting centers when requested by a county auditor.
 - (6) Each voting center must provide at least one voting unit certified by the secretary of state that provides access to individuals who are blind or visually impaired, enabling them to vote with privacy and independence.
- (7) No person may interfere with a voter attempting to vote in a voting center. Interfering with a voter attempting to vote is a violation of RCW 29A.84.510.
- (8) Before opening the voting center, the voting equipment shall be inspected to determine if it has been properly prepared for voting. If the voting equipment is capable of direct tabulation of each voter's choices, the county auditor shall verify that no votes have been registered for any issue or office, and that the device has been sealed with a unique numbered seal at the time of final preparation and logic and accuracy testing. A log must be made of all device numbers and seal numbers.

1 (9) The county auditor shall require any person desiring to vote 2 at a voting center to either sign a ballot declaration or provide 3 identification.

- (a) The signature on the declaration must be compared to the signature on the voter registration record before the ballot may be counted. If the voter registered using a mark, or can no longer sign his or her name, the election officers shall require the voter to be identified by another registered voter.
- (b) The identification must be valid photo identification, such as a driver's license, state identification card, student identification card, tribal identification card, or employer identification card. A tribal identification card is not required to include a residential address or an expiration date to be considered valid under this section. Any individual who desires to vote in person but cannot provide identification shall be issued a provisional ballot, which shall be accepted if the signature on the declaration matches the signature on the voter's registration record.
- (10) Provisional ballots must be accompanied by a declaration and security envelope, as required by RCW 29A.40.091, and space for the voter's name, date of birth, current and former registered address, reason for the provisional ballot, and disposition of the provisional ballot. The voter shall vote and return the provisional ballot at the voting center. The voter must be provided information on how to ascertain whether the provisional ballot was counted and, if applicable, the reason why the vote was not counted.
- (11) Any voter may take printed or written material into the voting device to assist in casting his or her vote. The voter shall not use this material to electioneer and shall remove it when he or she leaves the voting center.
- (12) If any voter states that he or she is unable to cast his or her votes due to a disability, the voter may designate a person of his or her choice, or two election officers, to enter the voting booth and record the votes as he or she directs.
 - (13) No voter is entitled to vote more than once at a primary, special election, or general election. If a voter incorrectly marks a ballot, he or she may be issued a replacement ballot.
- 37 (14) A voter who has already returned a ballot but requests to 38 vote at a voting center shall be issued a provisional ballot. The 39 canvassing board shall not count the provisional ballot if it finds

that the voter has also voted a regular ballot in that primary, special election, or general election.

- (15) ((The county auditor must prevent overflow of each ballot drop box to allow a voter to deposit his or her ballot securely. Ballots must be removed from a ballot drop box by at least two people, with a record kept of the date and time ballots were removed, and the names of people removing them. Ballots from drop boxes must be returned to the counting center in secured transport containers. A copy of the record must be placed in the container, and one copy must be transported with the ballots to the counting center, where the seal number must be verified by the county auditor or a designated representative. All ballot drop boxes must be secured at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election, or general election.
- (16))) Any voter who is inside or in line at the voting center at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election, or general election must be allowed to vote.
- election, the county auditor may provide election services at locations in addition to the voting center. The county auditor has discretion to establish which services will be provided at the additional locations, and which days and hours the locations will be open((, except that the county auditor must establish a minimum of one ballot drop box per fifteen thousand registered voters in the county and a minimum of one ballot drop box in each city, town, and census-designated place in the county with a post office)).
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 29A.84 27 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The attorney general may bring a civil action for such declaratory or injunctive relief as is necessary to carry out the provisions of section 5 (3) and (4) of this act in the superior court of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred.
 - (2) A person or federally recognized tribal government may bring a civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief with respect to RCW 29A.08.112(3), 29.08.310(2), or section 5 (3) and (4) of this act, in the superior court of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred if:
- 37 (a) In the case of a violation that occurs more than one hundred 38 twenty days before an election, that person or tribal government 39 provides notice of the violation to the secretary of state, the Code Rev/KS:lel 7 H-2020.E/19

violation remains, and ninety days or more have passed since the secretary of state has received the written notice;

- (b) In the case of a violation that occurs one hundred twenty days or fewer before an election, that person or tribal government provides notice of the violation to the secretary of state, the violation remains and twenty days or more have passed since the secretary of state has received the written notice; or
- 8 (c) In the case of a violation that occurs thirty days or fewer 9 before an election, without providing notice of the violation to the 10 secretary of state."
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