

SB 5453 - S AMD 205

By Senator Schoesler

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1 On page 3, after line 24, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington association of county
3 officials must conduct a study of irrigation district election-
4 related practices and procedures and recommend best practices to
5 standardize those procedures across all districts. Best practices are
6 those that are equitable and ensure thorough governance of irrigation
7 districts. In conducting this study, the Washington association of
8 county officials may collaborate with the secretary of state, county
9 assessors, county auditors, and other relevant stakeholders as
10 necessary.

11 (2) The Washington association of county officials must report
12 its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate
13 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2019. At minimum,
14 recommendations for the standardization of election procedures must
15 include procedures to:

- 16 (a) Identify qualified voters and directors;
17 (b) Notify qualified voters and directors;
18 (c) Deliver and return ballots;
19 (d) Identify and count official returns; and
20 (e) Declare the winning candidate."

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21 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2 of the title, strike all
22 material through "87.03.435" and insert "amending RCW 87.03.082 and
23 87.03.435; and creating a new section"

EFFECT: Requires the Washington association of county officials to study and make recommendations to standardize irrigation district election methods by December 1, 2019.

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