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**SENATE BILL 5347**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Padden and Pedersen

1 AN ACT Relating to member voting methods; and amending RCW  
2 23.86.115.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 23.86.115 and 1989 c 307 s 21 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The right of a member to vote may be limited, enlarged, or  
7 denied to the extent specified in the articles of incorporation or  
8 bylaws. Unless so limited, enlarged, or denied, each member shall be  
9 entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members.  
10 The bylaws may allow subscribers to vote as members if one-fifth of  
11 the subscription for the membership fee or capital stock has been  
12 paid.

13 (2) A member may vote in person or, unless the articles of  
14 incorporation or the bylaws otherwise provide, may vote by mail, by  
15 electronic transmission, or by proxy executed in writing by the  
16 member or by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact. No proxy shall be  
17 valid for more than (~~eleven~~) 11 months from the date of its  
18 execution unless otherwise specified in the proxy. Votes by mail or  
19 by proxy shall be made by mail ballot or proxy form prepared and  
20 distributed by the association in accordance with procedures set  
21 forth in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. Persons voting by

1 mail or by electronic transmission shall be deemed present for all  
2 purposes of quorum, count of votes, and percentage voting of total  
3 voting power.

4 (3) If the articles of incorporation or bylaws provide for more  
5 or less than one vote per member on any matter, every reference in  
6 this chapter to a majority or other proportion of members shall refer  
7 to such a majority or other proportion of votes entitled to be cast  
8 by members.

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