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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1041

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By Representatives Anderson, McLean, Cantwell, Ferguson, Broback, Tate, Basich, May, Miller, Vance and Mitchell; by request of Secretary of State.

Read first time January 17, 1991. Referred to Committee on State Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to facsimile filing of election documents; and  
2 adding new sections to chapter 29.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The secretary of state or a county auditor shall accept and file in  
7 his or her office electronic facsimile transmissions of the following  
8 documents:

9 (1) Declarations and affidavits of candidacy;

10 (2) County canvass reports;

11 (3) Candidates' pamphlet statements;

12 (4) Arguments for and against ballot measures that will appear in  
13 a voters' pamphlet;

14 (5) Requests for recounts;

1 (6) Certification of candidates and measures by the secretary of  
2 state;

3 (7) Direction by the secretary of state for the conduct of a  
4 mandatory recount;

5 (8) Requests for absentee ballots;

6 (9) Any other election related document authorized by rule adopted  
7 by the secretary of state under section 2 of this act.

8 The acceptance by the secretary of state or the county auditor is  
9 conditional upon the document being filed in a timely manner, being  
10 legible, and otherwise satisfying the requirements of state law or  
11 rules with respect to form and content.

12 If the original copy of a document must be signed and a copy of the  
13 document is filed by facsimile transmission under this section, the  
14 original copy shall be subsequently filed with the official with whom  
15 the facsimile was filed. The original copy shall be filed by a  
16 deadline established by the secretary by rule. The secretary may by  
17 rule require that the original of any document, a copy of which is  
18 filed by facsimile transmission under this section, also be filed by a  
19 deadline established by the secretary by rule.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29.04 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 The secretary of state shall adopt rules in accordance with chapter  
23 34.05 RCW to implement section 1 of this act.