HOUSE BILL 1509

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By Representatives Anderson, McLean, Miller, Bowman, Haugen, Pruitt and Paris; by request of Secretary of State.

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1 AN ACT Relating to ongoing absentee voter status; amending RCW 2 29.36.013; and repealing RCW 29.36.016.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 29.36.013 and 1987 c 346 s 10 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 Any ((disabled)) voter ((or any voter over the age of sixty-five)) 7 may apply, in writing, for status as an ongoing absentee voter. Each ((such voter shall be granted that status by his or her county auditor 8 and)) gualified applicant shall automatically receive an absentee 9 10 ballot for each ensuing election for which he or she is entitled to 11 vote and need not submit a separate application for each election. 12 Ballots received from ongoing absentee voters shall be validated, processed, and tabulated in the same manner as other absentee ballots. 13

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- Status as an ongoing absentee voter shall be terminated upon any of
 the following events:
- 3 (1) The written request of the voter;
- 4 (2) The death or disqualification of the voter;
- 5 (3) The cancellation of the voter's registration record; or
- 6 (4) The return of an ongoing absentee ballot as undeliverable((; or
- 7 (5) January 1st of each odd-numbered year)).

8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. RCW 29.36.016 and 1985 c 273 s 3 are each 9 repealed.