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HOUSE BILL 2167

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By Representatives Beck, Chandler, Schmidt, Jones, Nealey, Tate, Casada and Betrozoff.

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1            AN ACT Relating to elections; adding a new section to chapter  
2 29.62; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The Washington legislature recognizes  
5 the right of the citizens to have confidence in the integrity of the  
6 election process.    This act shall be known as the 1991 election  
7 integrity act.

8            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 29.62 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10            (1) The official ballot count results must be from the count  
11 immediately following the closure of the polls, and counted by precinct  
12 election officers at the precinct polling place; or

13            (2) The official ballot count results must be by count at the  
14 precinct polling place, under direct observation of the precinct

1 election officers, by an instrument that cannot alter the election  
2 results by preprogramming.

3       This section shall not prohibit additional election ballot count by  
4 election central, provided it is made from duplicate ballots and the  
5 official results are those counted at the local precinct.