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HOUSE BILL 2403

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By Representatives Anderson, McLean, Pruitt, Chandler, O'Brien, Hine, Jones, Bowman, Ferguson, Orr, Brough, May and Hochstatter

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

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.36.013 and 1991 c 81 s 30 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  
8 ~~((such voter shall be granted that status by his or her county auditor~~  
9 ~~and))~~ qualified applicant shall automatically receive an absentee  
10 ballot for each ensuing election for which he or she is entitled to  
11 vote and need not submit a separate request for each election. Ballots  
12 received from ongoing absentee voters shall be validated, processed,  
13 and tabulated in the same manner as other absentee ballots.

1 Status as an ongoing absentee voter shall be terminated upon any of  
2 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(~~(i-er~~

7 ~~(5) January 1st of each odd-numbered year~~)).

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.36.016 and 1985 c 273 s 3 are  
9 each repealed.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1992.