

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5973**

Chapter 441, Laws of 1993

53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

VOTER REGISTRATION COMPUTER TAPES--AVAILABILITY  
TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDIVIDUALS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/93

Passed by the Senate April 14, 1993  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 18, 1993  
YEAS 94 NAYS 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 15, 1993

MIKE LOWRY

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5973** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Gaspard and Rinehart; by request of Office of Financial Management

Read first time 04/07/93. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

1            AN ACT Relating to voter registration tapes for political parties;  
2 amending RCW 29.04.150 and 29.04.160; providing an effective date; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.04.150 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 46 s 2 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7            (1) No later than June 15th or November 15th, any political party  
8 organization or any other individual may request in writing from the  
9 secretary of state to receive a copy of the subsequent state-wide  
10 computer file of registered voters compiled under subsection (2) of  
11 this section. At the time it makes this request, the political party  
12 or individual shall deposit sufficient funds with the secretary of  
13 state to pay for the cost of assembling, compiling, and distributing  
14 the computer file of registered voters and shall agree to the statutory  
15 restrictions regarding the commercial use of this data.

16            (2) Not earlier than January 1st ((~~nor later than February 1st of~~  
17 ~~each calendar year and not earlier than~~) or July 1st ((~~nor later than~~  
18 ~~August 1st of each calendar year~~)) subsequent to the receipt of a  
19 request and deposit under subsection (1) of this section, each county

1 auditor shall provide to the secretary of state, or a data processing  
2 agency designated by ~~((him))~~ the secretary of state, a duplicate  
3 computer tape or data file of the records of the registered voters in  
4 that county, containing the information specified in RCW 29.07.220.  
5 The secretary of state shall reimburse each county for the actual cost  
6 of reproduction and mailing of the duplicate computer tape or data  
7 file. ~~((He shall arrange for a master computer tape or data file of  
8 the records of all the registered voters of the state to be compiled.))~~

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.04.160 and 1977 ex.s. c 226 s 1 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 ~~((No later than February 15th and no later than August 15th of each  
12 year))~~ As soon as any or all of the voter registration data from the  
13 counties has been received under RCW 29.04.150 and processed, the  
14 secretary of state shall provide a duplicate copy of ~~((the master  
15 state-wide computer tape or))~~ this data ~~((file of registered voters))~~  
16 to the state central committee ~~((of each major political party))~~ or  
17 other individual making the request, at ~~((actual duplication))~~ cost ~~((  
18 and shall provide a duplicate copy of the master state-wide computer  
19 tape or data file of registered voters to the statute law committee  
20 without cost. The master state-wide computer tape or data file of  
21 registered voters or portions of the tape or file shall be available to  
22 any other political party, at actual duplication cost, upon written  
23 request to the secretary of state))~~. Restrictions as to the commercial  
24 use of the information on the state-wide computer tape or data file of  
25 registered voters, and penalties for its misuse, shall be the same as  
26 provided in RCW 29.04.110 and 29.04.120 as now existing or hereafter  
27 amended.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
30 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
31 effect July 1, 1993.

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