

2 **2SSB 5576** - S AMD - 171
3 By Senators Haugen and Winsley

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5 On page 8, beginning on line 6, strike all of section 14 and insert
6 the following:

7 "**Sec. 14.** RCW 29.81A.010 and 1984 c 106 s 3 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 At least ninety days before any primary or general election, or at
10 least ((~~forty~~)) forty-five days before any special election held under
11 RCW 29.13.010 or 29.13.020, the legislative authority of any county or
12 first-class or code city may adopt an ordinance authorizing the
13 publication, in printed or electronic format or both, and distribution
14 of a local voters' pamphlet. The pamphlet shall provide information on
15 all measures ((~~within~~)) that will be on the ballot in that jurisdiction
16 and may, if specified in the ordinance, include information on
17 candidates ((~~within~~)) whose names will be on the ballot in that
18 jurisdiction. If both a county and a first-class or code city within
19 that county authorize a local voters' pamphlet for the same election,
20 the pamphlet shall be produced jointly by the county and the first-
21 class or code city. If no agreement can be reached between the county
22 and first-class or code city, the county and first-class or code city
23 may each produce a pamphlet. Any ordinance adopted authorizing a local
24 voters' pamphlet may be for a specific primary, special election, or
25 general election or for any future primaries or elections. The format
26 of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with
27 the provisions of chapters 29.80 and 29.81 RCW regarding the
28 publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets.

29 **Sec. 15.** RCW 29.81A.020 and 1994 c 191 s 1 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) Not later than ((~~ninety days~~)) May 1st for a primary or general
32 election or ninety days before a special election not scheduled at the
33 same time as a primary or general election, before the publication and
34 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet by a county, the county
35 auditor shall notify each city, town, or special taxing district

1 located (~~wholly~~) within that county that a pamphlet will be produced.

2 (2) If a voters' pamphlet is published by the county for a primary
3 or general election, the pamphlet shall be published for the elective
4 offices and ballot measures of the county and for the elective offices
5 and ballot measures of each unit of local government located
6 (~~entirely~~) within the county which will appear on the ballot at that
7 primary or election. However, the offices and measures of a first
8 class or code city shall not be included in the pamphlet if the city
9 publishes and distributes its own voters' pamphlet for the primary or
10 election for its offices and measures. The offices and measures of any
11 other town or city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet
12 if the town or city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and
13 distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for its
14 offices and measures and it does so.

15 If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the
16 offices or measures of a unit of local government would create (~~unde~~
17 ~~{undue}~~) undue financial hardship for the unit of government, the
18 legislative authority of the unit may petition the legislative
19 authority of the county to waive this requirement. The legislative
20 authority of the county may provide such a waiver if it does so not
21 later than (~~sixty days before the publication of the pamphlet and~~)
22 June 15th for a primary or general election or sixty days before a
23 special election not occurring at the same time as a primary or general
24 election where a pamphlet will be published if it finds that the
25 requirement would create such hardship.

26 (3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one
27 county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal
28 agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters'
29 pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located
30 outside of that county.

31 (4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production and
32 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that city
33 shall notify any special taxing district located (~~wholly~~) within that
34 city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be provided
35 in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of this
36 section.

37 (5) A unit of local government located within a county and the
38 county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a
39 voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2)

1 of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.

2 **Sec. 16.** RCW 29.81A.040 and 1984 c 106 s 6 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 The local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to the
5 following:

6 (1) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters'
7 pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, the
8 jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in the pamphlet, and the
9 date of the election or primary;

10 (2) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain an
11 absentee ballot;

12 (3) The ~~((text))~~ ballot title of each measure accompanied by an
13 explanatory statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any
14 county measure or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the
15 measure if other than a county measure. The explanatory statement
16 shall not intentionally be an argument likely to create prejudice
17 either for, or against, the measure. All explanatory statements for
18 city, town, or district measures ~~((not approved by the attorney for the~~
19 ~~jurisdiction submitting the measure))~~ shall be reviewed and approved by
20 the county prosecuting attorney ~~((or city attorney, when applicable,))~~
21 before inclusion in the pamphlet. The full text of the measure may be
22 either included in the pamphlet or made available upon request at the
23 discretion of the jurisdiction publishing the pamphlet;

24 (4) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by
25 committees selected pursuant to RCW 29.81A.080.

26 **Sec. 17.** RCW 29.81A.080 and 1994 c 191 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 For each measure from a unit of local government that is included
29 in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that
30 jurisdiction shall, not later than forty-five days before the
31 publication of the pamphlet, formally appoint a committee to prepare
32 arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally
33 appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection
34 of the measure. The authority shall appoint persons known to favor the
35 measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall,
36 whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose the measure to serve
37 on the committee advocating rejection. Each committee shall have not

1 more than three members, however, a committee may seek the advice of
2 any person or persons. If the legislative authority of a unit of local
3 government fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline,
4 the county auditor shall whenever possible make the appointments. The
5 county auditor shall notify press, radio, and television in the county
6 of the need to make such appointments."

7 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
8 internal references accordingly.

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12 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "29.81A.010," insert
13 "29.81A.020, 29.81A.040, 29.81A.080,"

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Effect of amendment: Incorporates the local voters' pamphlet
legislation (SSB 5071) into the bill. Avoids inconsistent double
amendments and includes a variety of technical modifications of the
local voter pamphlet statutes: Synchronizes notification dates when a
pamphlet will be published; enables the publisher to include all races
and measures which will appear on the ballot; allows summaries of
ballot measures to be printed rather than the full text when the full
text is made available on request.