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SENATE BILL 5004

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By Senators Loveland, Winsley and Patterson

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to validation of school bond elections; amending
- 2 RCW 29.27.080; and declaring an emergency.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.27.080 and 1984 c 106 s 12 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) Except as provided in RCW 29.81A.060, notice for any state,
- 7 county, district, or municipal election, whether special or general,
- 8 shall be given by at least one publication not more than ten nor less
- 9 than three days prior to the election by the county auditor or the
- 10 officer conducting the election as the case may be, in one or more
- 11 newspapers of general circulation within the county. Said legal notice

shall contain the title of each office under the proper party

- 13 designation, the names and addresses of all officers who have been
- 14 nominated for an office to be voted upon at that election, together
- 15 with the ballot titles of all measures, the hours during which the
- 16 polls will be open, and that the election will be held in the regular
- 17 polling places in each precinct, giving the address of each polling
- 18 place: PROVIDED, That the names of all candidates for nonpartisan
- 19 offices shall be published separately with designation of the offices

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- for which they are candidates but without party designation. This shall be the only notice required for a state, county, district, or municipal general or special election and shall supersede the provisions of any and all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different requirements for the giving of notice of any general or special elections.
- 7 (2) All school district elections held on February 5, 1980, at 8 which the number and proportion of persons required by law voted to 9 authorize bonds or tax levies, are hereby validated regardless of any 10 failure to publish notice of such election. No action challenging the validity of any such election may be brought later than April 15, 1980, 11 or thirty days from June 12, 1980, whichever is later. Notice of 12 13 provisions of this subsection shall be published within five days after February 28, 1980, in a newspaper of general circulation within each 14 15 county where a school district election was held on February 5, 1980, 16 and where notice of such election was not published as provided in 17 subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) All school district elections held on May 19, 1998, at which 18 19 the number and proportion of persons required by law voted to authorize bonds or tax levies, are hereby validated regardless of any failure to 20 publish notice of such election. No action challenging the validity of 21 any such election may be brought later than thirty days after the 22 effective date of this section. Notice of provisions of this 23 24 subsection shall be published within five days after the effective date of this section, in a newspaper of general circulation within each 25 26 county where a school district election was held on May 19, 1998, and where notice of such election was not published as provided in 27 subsection (1) of this section. 28
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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