

5338-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on State & Local Government
(originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Finkbeiner and
Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Establishing instant runoff voting.

SB 5338-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that it is in the public interest to adopt a voting system in which all successful candidates must win by a majority vote rather than a plurality of effective votes and that allows voters to vote secondary and other preferences in case their favorite candidate is not elected.

Declares that a system known as instant runoff voting achieves that purpose.

Finds that voter interest and participation in elections will increase because a voter has more choices and all votes will be more meaningful than under the present system.

Repeals RCW 29.30.085.