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1   On page 5, after line 36, insert the following:

2   "**Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.651 and 2004 c 267 s 101 are each amended to
3 read as follows:
4   (1) The office of the secretary of state shall create and maintain
5 a statewide voter registration data base. This data base must be a
6 single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized
7 statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered
8 at the state level that contains the name and registration information
9 of every legally registered voter in the state and assigns a unique
10 identifier to each legally registered voter in the state.
11   (2) The computerized list must serve as the single system for
12 storing and maintaining the official list of registered voters
13 throughout the state.
14   (3) The computerized list must contain the name and registration
15 information of every legally registered voter in the state.
16   (4) Under the computerized list, a unique identifier is assigned to
17 each legally registered voter in the state.
18   (5) The computerized list must be coordinated with other agency
19 data bases within the state, including but not limited to the
20 department of corrections, the department of licensing, and the
21 department of health.
22   (6) Any election officer in the state, including any local election
23 officer, may obtain immediate electronic access to the information
24 contained in the computerized list.
25   (7) All voter registration information obtained by any local
26 election officer in the state must be electronically entered into the
27 computerized list on an expedited basis at the time the information is
28 provided to the local officer.
29   (8) The chief state election officer shall provide support, as may

1 be required, so that local election officers are able to enter
2 information as described in subsection (3) of this section.
3   (9) The computerized list serves as the official voter registration
4 list for the conduct of all elections.
5   (10) The secretary of state has data authority on all voter
6 registration data. The secretary of state shall, on a monthly basis,
7 cross-check the data base against other agency data bases that could
8 reveal names of persons whose voter registration should be canceled.
9   (11) The voter registration data base must be designed to
10 accomplish at a minimum, the following:
11   (a) Comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252);
12   (b) Identify duplicate voter registrations;
13   (c) Identify suspected duplicate voters;
14   (d) Screen against the department of corrections and other
15 appropriate state agency data bases on a monthly basis to aid in the
16 cancellation of voter registration of felons;
17   (e) Provide up-to-date signatures of voters for the purposes of
18 initiative signature checking;
19   (f) Provide for a monthly comparison between the voter registration
20 data base and the department of licensing change of address data base;
21   (g) Provide online access for county auditors with the goal of real
22 time duplicate checking and update capabilities; and
23   (h) Provide for the cancellation of voter registration for persons
24 who have moved to other states and surrendered their Washington state
25 drivers' licenses.
26   (12) In addition to any legal obligations of local election
27 officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with the department of
28 health shall arrange for a monthly comparison of any lists of known
29 deaths maintained by the department of health with the statewide voter
30 registration list. If a person is found on the department of health
31 death list and the statewide voter registration list, the secretary of
32 state or county auditor shall immediately cancel the voter registration
33 from the official state voter registration list.
34   (13) In addition to any legal obligations of local election
35 officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with the department of
36 health, the department of social and health services, and the
37 administrator for the courts shall arrange for a monthly comparison of
38 any lists of persons known to have been declared mentally incompetent

1 and unable to vote or placed under the care of a full guardianship due
2 to their mental capacity. If a person is found on the department of
3 health, the department of social and health services, or the
4 administrator for the courts lists and the statewide voter registration
5 list, the secretary of state or county auditor shall immediately cancel
6 the voter registration from the official state voter registration list.
7 The administrator for the courts shall collect and maintain a list
8 of all judicial determinations of full guardianship under RCW 11.88.010
9 and other cases where the court has ordered someone unable to vote.
10 (14) In addition to any legal obligations of local election
11 officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with local election
12 officers shall make at a minimum a monthly comparison of names on the
13 statewide voter registration list, and if a person is found registered
14 more than once on the statewide voter registration list, the secretary
15 of state or county auditor shall immediately cancel all voter
16 registrations for that voter in excess of one from the official state
17 voter registration list."

18 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal
19 references accordingly.

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20 In line 2 of the title, after "29A.04.611," insert "29A.08.651,"

EFFECT: (1) Requires that secretary of state cross-check the
statewide voter data base against other agency data bases that could
reveal names of voters who should be cancelled;
    (2) Secretary of state must arrange for a monthly comparison of the
statewide voter data base with the department of health to identify
known deaths and cancel voters that are found on both lists;

(3) Secretary of state must arrange for a monthly comparison of the statewide voter data base with the department of health, the department of social and health services, and the administrator for the courts to identify persons known to have been declared mentally incompetent or under full guardianship and cancel voters found on both lists; and

(4) Secretary of state shall make a monthly comparison of names on the statewide voter registration list and if a person is found to be registered twice, the secretary of state shall immediately cancel excess registrations from the list.

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