

**SSB 5499 - S AMD 63**

By Senators Stevens, McCaslin, Mulliken, Brandland, Morton,  
Honeyford, Parlette, Pflug, Johnson, Esser, Roach

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

2 "Sec. 3. RCW 29A.36.111 and 2004 c 271 s 128 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Every ballot for a single combination of issues, offices, and  
5 candidates shall be uniform within a precinct and shall identify the  
6 type of primary or election, the county, and the date of the primary or  
7 election, and the ballot or voting device shall contain instructions on  
8 the proper method of recording a vote, including write-in votes and  
9 abstentions. Each position, together with the names of the candidates  
10 for that office and an opportunity for the voter to indicate abstention  
11 from voting on that office, shall be clearly separated from other  
12 offices or positions in the same jurisdiction. The offices in each  
13 jurisdiction shall be clearly separated from each other. No paper  
14 ballot or ballot card may be marked in any way that would permit the  
15 identification of the person who voted that ballot."

16 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
17 references accordingly.

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18 In line 2 of the title, after "29A.04.611," insert "29A.36.111,"

EFFECT: Requires that ballots contain an opportunity for a voter to indicate abstention from voting on each office.

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