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1 AN ACT Relating to voter challenges; and amending RCW 29A.08.830.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.830 and 2003 c 111 s 255 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Any registered voter may request that the registration of
6 another voter be canceled if he or she believes that the voter does not
7 meet the requirements of Article VI, section 1 of the state
8 Constitution ~~((or))~~, that voter no longer maintains a legal voting
9 residence at the address shown on his or her registration record, or
10 the voter has duplicate registrations. The challenger shall file with
11 the county auditor a signed affidavit subject to the penalties of
12 perjury, to the effect that to his or her personal knowledge and belief
13 another registered voter does not actually reside at the address as
14 given on his or her registration record or is otherwise not a qualified
15 voter and that the voter in question is not protected by the provisions
16 of Article VI, section 4, of the Constitution of the state of
17 Washington. The person filing the challenge must furnish the address
18 at which the challenged voter actually resides, except when the address

1 does not exist, the address is not a residential address, or the voter
2 has moved without a forwarding address.

3 (2) Any such challenge of a voter's registration and right to vote
4 made less than thirty days before a primary or election, special or
5 general, shall be administered under RCW 29A.08.820. The county
6 auditor shall notify the challenged voter and the precinct election
7 officers in the voter's precinct that a challenge has been filed,
8 provide the name of the challenger, and instruct both the precinct
9 election officers and the voter that, in the event the challenged voter
10 desires to vote at the ensuing primary or election, a challenged ballot
11 will be provided. The voter shall also be informed that the status of
12 his or her registration and the disposition of any challenged ballot
13 will be determined by the county canvassing board in the manner
14 provided by RCW 29A.08.820. The county auditor must inform the
15 challenged voter on the final disposition of his or her ballot. If the
16 challenged voter does not vote at the ensuing primary or election, the
17 challenge shall be processed in the same manner as challenges made more
18 than thirty days prior to the primary or election under RCW 29A.08.840.

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