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By Representatives Holmquist, Haler, Nixon, Dunn, Ahern, McCune, McDonald, Kristiansen, Roach, Pearson, Rodne, Schindler and Bailey

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1 AN ACT Relating to election certification; and adding a new section  
2 to chapter 29A.60 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.60 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Before final certification of election returns, the county must  
7 report and explain, by precinct, any variance between the number of  
8 ballots counted and the number of voters credited with voting.

9 If there are differences between the number of ballots counted and  
10 the number of voters credited with voting that cannot be explained, and  
11 that difference exceeds the winning margin in any election or primary,  
12 the election or primary as to that election is void. No certificate of  
13 election may be issued. A revote of that election must be held within  
14 sixty days.

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