
SENATE BILL 5565

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1 AN ACT Relating to information for out-of-state, overseas, and
2 service voters; and amending RCW 29A.40.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.40.150 and 2003 c 111 s 1015 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The secretary of state shall produce and furnish envelopes and
7 instructions for out-of-state voters, overseas voters, and service
8 voters to the county auditors. The information on the outer return
9 envelopes must include, but is not limited to, statements that:

- 10 (1) Return postage is free;
11 (2) The date written by the voter on the return envelope is
12 considered the date of mailing;
13 (3) The envelope must be signed by election day;
14 (4) The signed declaration on the envelope is the equivalent of
15 voter registration;
16 (5) Faxed voted ballots are allowed if the voter agrees to waive
17 secrecy;
18 (6) Faxed documents must be accompanied by an original signed

1 ballot by the day of election certification, which is fifteen days
2 after the election;

3 (7) E-mail is available under the federal Uniformed and Overseas
4 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, which is administered at the county
5 level, and allows for a ballot to be e-mailed to a voter, which the
6 voter may print out, vote, and return by mail.

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