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**SENATE BILL 5151**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Fain, O'Ban, Zeiger, Miloscia, and Braun

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the county auditor or his or her designee to appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval and rejection of certain measures; and amending RCW 29A.32.280.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 29A.32.280 and 2015 c 146 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

For each measure from a unit of local government that is included in a local voters' pamphlet, the ((~~legislative authority~~)) county auditor of that jurisdiction or his or her designee shall, not later than the resolution deadline, formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure. The ((~~authority~~)) county auditor or his or her designee shall appoint persons known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons known to oppose the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection. Each committee shall have not more than three members, however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. ((~~If the legislative authority of a unit of local government fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline, the county auditor shall whenever possible make the appointments.~~))

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