

SB 5126 - S AMD 35
By Senator Hasegawa

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.36.111 and 2009 c 414 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary of state, in conjunction with the Washington
6 state association of county auditors, shall develop a uniform ballot
7 format to be used by each county. The format must be implemented by
8 the year 2019, or upon replacement of vote tallying equipment,
9 whichever occurs first.

10 (2) Every ballot for a single combination of issues, offices, and
11 candidates shall be uniform within a precinct and shall identify the
12 type of primary or election, the county, and the date of the primary
13 or election, and the ballot or voting device shall contain
14 instructions on the proper method of recording a vote, including
15 write-in votes. Each position, together with the names of the
16 candidates for that office, shall be clearly separated from other
17 offices or positions in the same jurisdiction. The offices in each
18 jurisdiction shall be clearly separated from each other. No paper
19 ballot or ballot card may be marked by or at the direction of an
20 election official in any way that would permit the identification of
21 the person who voted that ballot.

22 ~~((+2))~~ (3) An ~~((elections [election]))~~ election official may not
23 enter into or extend any contract with a vendor if such contract may
24 allow the vendor to acquire an ownership interest in any data
25 pertaining to any voter, any voter's address, registration number, or
26 history, or any ballot.

27 (4) The secretary of state, in consultation with the department
28 of enterprise services, the office of the chief information officer,
29 and with county auditors, may develop a master contract for vote
30 tallying equipment for purchase by counties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.36
2 RCW to read as follows:
3 A county auditor may establish an equipment replacement fund that
4 must be used explicitly to replace vote tallying equipment and only
5 the county auditor may authorize expenditures from the fund. Election
6 billing charges must be sufficient to fund the replacement of the
7 equipment no later than the year 2019."

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8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "design;" strike the
9 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 29A.36.111; and
10 adding a new section to chapter 29A.36 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) Moves deadline for implementation of a uniform ballot design to 2019, or upon replacement of vote-tallying equipment.

(2) Requires that the Secretary of State consult with the Chief Information Officer if developing a master contract for purchase of vote-tallying equipment.

(3) Requires that billing charges in a county vote-tallying equipment replacement fund, if used, be sufficient to fund replacement of vote-tallying equipment by 2019.

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