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AN ACT Relating to increasing the word count for voters' pamphlet statements submitted by state representative candidates; and amending RCW 29A.32.121.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 29A.32.121 and 2004 c 271 s 168 are each amended to 6 read as follows:

7 (1) The maximum number of words for statements submitted by 8 candidates is as follows: State representative, ((one hundred 9 words;)) state senator, judge of the superior court, judge of the 10 court of appeals, justice of the supreme court, and all state offices 11 voted upon throughout the state, except that of governor, two hundred 12 words; president and vice president, United States senator, United 13 States representative, and governor, three hundred words.

14 (2) Arguments written by committees under RCW 29A.32.060 may not15 exceed two hundred fifty words in length.

16 (3) Rebuttal arguments written by committees may not exceed 17 seventy-five words in length.

(4) The secretary of state shall allocate space in the pamphletbased on the number of candidates or nominees for each office.

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