

**WAC 434-262-160 Write-in-voting—Voter intent.** (1) In all cases of write-in votes the canvassing board shall exercise all reasonable efforts to determine the voter's intent.

The board shall determine if votes with name and spelling variations are votes for a declared write-in candidate.

(2) If a declared write-in candidate qualifies as one of the top two candidates in the primary, the party preference stated on the write-in declaration of candidacy, if any, shall be printed on the general election ballot.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 29A.04.611, 29A.24.091, 29A.24.311, 29A.60.021, 29A.60.185, 29A.60.170, 29A.60.110, and 29A.60.235. WSR 19-01-102, § 434-262-160, filed 12/18/18, effective 1/18/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 29A.04.611. WSR 08-15-052, § 434-262-160, filed 7/11/08, effective 8/11/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 29.04.080, 29.04.210, 29.36.150 and 29.79.200. WSR 97-21-045, recodified as § 434-262-160, filed 10/13/97, effective 11/13/97. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 59. WSR 92-12-083, § 434-62-160, filed 6/2/92, effective 7/3/92.]