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SENATE BILL 5071

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By Senators Haugen, Winsley and Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to local voters' pamphlets; and amending RCW  
2 29.81A.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.81A.020 and 1994 c 191 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Not later than ninety days before the publication and  
7 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet by a county, the county  
8 auditor shall notify each city, town, or special taxing district  
9 located wholly within that county that a pamphlet will be produced.

10 (2) If a voters' pamphlet is published by the county for a primary  
11 or general election, the pamphlet shall be published for the elective  
12 offices and ballot measures of the county and for the elective offices  
13 and ballot measures of each unit of local government located  
14 ((entirely)) within the county which will appear on the ballot at that  
15 primary or election. However, the offices and measures of a first  
16 class or code city shall not be included in the pamphlet if the city  
17 publishes and distributes its own voters' pamphlet for the primary or  
18 election for its offices and measures. The offices and measures of any  
19 other town or city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet

1 if the town or city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and  
2 distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for its  
3 offices and measures and it does so.

4 If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the  
5 offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undo  
6 [undue] financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative  
7 authority of the unit may petition the legislative authority of the  
8 county to waive this requirement. The legislative authority of the  
9 county may provide such a waiver if it does so not later than sixty  
10 days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the  
11 requirement would create such hardship.

12 (3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one  
13 county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal  
14 agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters'  
15 pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located  
16 outside of that county.

17 (4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production and  
18 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that city  
19 shall notify any special taxing district located wholly within that  
20 city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be provided  
21 in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of this  
22 section.

23 (5) A unit of local government located within a county and the  
24 county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a  
25 voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2)  
26 of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.

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