2 SSB 6063 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 3-2-94 3 By Committee on State Government 4 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 6 following: 7 RCW 29.81A.020 and 1984 c 106 s 4 are each amended to 8 read as follows: 9 (1) ((Within five days of the adoption by the county legislative authority of an ordinance authorizing)) Not later than ninety days 10 <u>before</u> the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet <u>by</u> 11 12 a county, the county auditor shall notify each city, town, or special 13 taxing district located wholly within that county that a pamphlet will ((If the ordinance applies to future primaries or 14 15 elections, the ordinance shall provide for such a notification prior to 16 those primaries or elections.)) (2) If a voters' pamphlet is published by the county for a primary 17 or general election, the pamphlet shall be published for the elective 18 offices and ballot measures of the county and for the elective offices 19 and ballot measures of each unit of local government located entirely 20 21 within the county which will appear on the ballot at that primary or 22 election. However, the offices and measures of a first class or code 23 city shall not be included in the pamphlet if the city publishes and distributes its own voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for 24 25 its offices and measures. The offices and measures of any other town or city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet if the town 26 27 or city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for its offices and 28 measures and it does so. 29

If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undo financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative authority of the unit may petition the legislative authority of the county to waive this requirement. The legislative authority of the county may provide such a waiver if it does so not later than sixty

- 1 days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the 2 requirement would create such hardship.
- 3 (3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one 4 county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal 5 agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters' 6 pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located 7 outside of that county.

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- $((\frac{(2)}{(2)}))$ (4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that city shall notify any special taxing district located wholly within that city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be provided in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of this section.
- (((3) Upon receipt of the notification, the legislative authority of each city, town, or district shall determine whether it will include any information from that jurisdiction in the local voters' pamphlet for a specific primary, special election, or general election or for any future primaries or elections. If it chooses to participate, it shall include information on all measures from that jurisdiction, and may include information on candidates.))
- 21 (5) A unit of local government located within a county and the 22 county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a 23 voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2) 24 of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.
- 25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.81A.080 and 1984 c 106 s 10 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
 - For each measure from a ((jurisdiction)) unit of local government that is included in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall, not later than forty-five days before the publication of the pamphlet, 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 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

- 1 government fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline,
- 2 the county auditor shall whenever possible make the appointments."

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