

2 **ESHB 1298** - S AMD TO EDU COMM AMD (S3066.1)

3 By Senator Sutherland

4 On page 4, after line 2 of the committee amendment, insert the
5 following:

6 "Sec. 6. RCW 29.13.020 and 1992 c 37 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held
9 throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the
10 first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

11 This section shall not apply to:

12 (a) Elections for the recall of any elective public officer;

13 (b) Public utility districts or district elections at which the
14 ownership of property within those districts is a prerequisite to
15 voting, all of which elections shall be held at the times prescribed in
16 the laws specifically applicable thereto;

17 (c) Consolidation proposals as provided for in RCW 28A.315.280 and
18 nonhigh capital fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.540
19 RCW.

20 (2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon
21 request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city,
22 town, or district, presented to the auditor at least forty-five days
23 prior to the proposed election date, may, if the county auditor deems
24 an emergency to exist, call a special election in such city, town, or
25 district, and for the purpose of such special election he or she may
26 combine, unite, or divide precincts. Except as provided in subsection
27 (3) of this section, such a special election shall be held on one of
28 the following dates as decided by the governing body:

29 (a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;

30 (b) The second Tuesday in March;

31 (c) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April;

32 (d) The third Tuesday in May;

33 (e) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW 29.13.070;

34 or

35 (f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

1 (3) In a presidential election year, if a presidential preference
2 primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under chapter
3 29.19 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called under
4 subsection (2) of this section during the month of that primary is the
5 date of the presidential primary.

6 (4) In addition to subsection (2) (a) through (f) of this section,
7 a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue may be
8 called at any time to meet the needs resulting from failure of a
9 (~~school or~~) junior taxing district to pass a special levy or bond
10 issue for the first time or to meet the needs of a school or junior
11 taxing district resulting from fire, flood, earthquake, or other act of
12 God, except that no special election may be held between the first day
13 for candidates to file for public office and the last day to certify
14 the returns of the general election other than as provided in
15 subsection (2) (e) and (f) of this section. Such special election
16 shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner provided by
17 law. A school district authorized to validate an excess levy or bond
18 issue according to RCW 28A.535.020 or RCW 84.52.056 may submit such an
19 issue for election at only one of the dates provided in subsection
20 (2)(a) through (f) of this section in any calendar year.

21 (5) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all
22 other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different
23 dates for such city, town, and district elections, the purpose of this
24 section being to establish mandatory dates for holding elections."

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27 On page 4, line 23 of the amendment, after "84.52.056," strike
28 "and"

29 On page 4, line 23 of the committee amendment, after "39.36.020"
30 insert ", and 29.13.020"

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