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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1861**

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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Orr, Reams, Anderson, Vance, Padden, Schoesler, Sheahan, Fuhrman and Morton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; and adding a new section to chapter  
2 29.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 If during a primary or special or general election access to a  
7 polling place is obstructed so that voters cannot gain access to the  
8 polling place and that access is obstructed for more than one hour, the  
9 county auditor may reopen voting at the polling place or both reopen  
10 polling and move the polling place for the voters who would ordinarily  
11 have used the inaccessible polling place. The reopening of polling may  
12 be for no longer than access to the polling place was obstructed. If  
13 the county auditor reopens polling under this section, neither the  
14 auditor nor another person may divulge the tally of votes cast in the  
15 county on an office or measure that would have been voted on at the  
16 inaccessible polling place until the reopened polling is closed. The  
17 reopening of polling may be conducted on dates or hours other than  
18 those established for the primary or election that was being conducted  
19 when the inaccessibility occurred. The reopening may not occur later

1 than the day prior to the date on which the results of the primary or  
2 election must be certified.

3       This section does not apply to a general election in a polling  
4 place in which a federal office is being voted upon.

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