

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1248

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing facsimile filings with the secretary of state's office.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Sump, Costa, Sheahan, Sterk, Sherstad, Skinner, Lantz, Lambert, D. Schmidt, D. Sommers, Backlund, Ogden, Wensman and Constantine; by request of Secretary of State).

House Committee on Government Administration
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background: Partnerships, for-profit corporations and nonprofit corporations doing business in Washington must file various documents in the Secretary of State's Office.

The Secretary of State currently accepts facsimile transmissions of several types of election related documents, including declarations and affidavits of candidacy, county canvass reports, and candidates' pamphlet statements.

Summary: The Secretary of State must accept and file facsimile transmissions of any documents required from businesses, including partnerships, for-profit corporations, and nonprofit corporations. Documents submitted via facsimile transmission must satisfy legal requirements for form and content, including legibility, in order to be accepted. If a document must be signed by a specified party, the signature on the facsimile transmission satisfies that requirement. The Secretary of State may reject a document if a fee required in conjunction with the document is not received before or at the time of receipt of the document.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 94 0

Senate 44 0

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