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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; adding a new section to chapter 29.30
2 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 85.38 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.30 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) General election ballots must give voters the opportunity to
8 select "none of the above" as an alternative to casting a vote for a
9 candidate or nominee listed on the ballot for an elective office, or
10 writing in the name of a candidate. Voters may also vote for the "none
11 of the above" option and for any one candidate or nominee listed on the
12 ballot for an elective office. Ballots must be organized so that the
13 "none of the above" option is printed on ballots immediately after the
14 name of the last candidate or nominee listed for each office appearing
15 on the ballot. The number of votes cast for "none of the above" must
16 be reported with election results for an office but does not affect the
17 election results for any office.

18 (2) This section applies to all partisan and nonpartisan offices,
19 including, but not limited to, the nominations and election of a

1 supreme court judge, court of appeals judge, superior court judge, and
2 the superintendent of public instruction, as well as the election of
3 the initial elected officials of any newly created unit of local
4 government.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 85.38 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Section 1 of this act applies to elections for members of a special
8 district governing body.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Section 1 of this act applies to elections for irrigation district
12 directors.

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