HOUSE BILL 1534

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1   AN ACT Relating to allocating presidential electors; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 29.71 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 29.71 RCW
5 to read as follows:
6   (1) Each set of candidates for president and vice-president must be
7 allocated a number of electors corresponding to their proportional
8 share of the total state-wide popular vote for president and vice-
9 president.
10   (2) The allocation of electors must be in whole numbers only, with
11 fractions of one-half or greater rounded up to the next higher whole
12 number and fractions of less than one-half rounded down to the next
13 lower whole number. If the rounding process results in an allocation
14 of electors exceeding the number of electors allotted to the state,
15 then the rounding up of the fractions of any proportion among the sets
16 of candidates with sufficient votes who were so allocated electors will
17 be adjusted to reduce the number of allocated electors to equal the
18 number of electors allotted to the state, as follows: (a) The
19 proportion of the set of these candidates with the smallest fractional

1 proportion above one-half will be reduced to the next lower whole
2 number and the allocation among these sets of candidates redone; (b) if
3 this reduction does not reduce the allocated electors to equal the
4 number of electors allotted to the state, then the proportion of the
5 set of these candidates with the smallest remaining fractional
6 proportion above one-half will be reduced to the next lower whole
7 number and the allocation among these sets of candidates redone; and
8 (c) successive adjustments of the lowest remaining fractional
9 proportion above one-half will be made, and allocations among those
10 sets of candidates redone, until the number of electors so allocated
11 equals the number of electors allotted to the state.

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