
SENATE BILL 6274

State of Washington 56th Legislature 2000 Regular Session

By Senators Patterson, Wojahn and Winsley

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to replacement ballots; amending RCW 29.36.124; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 29.36 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 29.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The county auditor may issue replacement absentee ballots to a
7 voter who both:

8 (1) Requested an absentee ballot before election day; and

9 (2) Did not receive the absentee ballot or whose absentee ballot
10 was damaged, lost, or destroyed.

11 A voter may request a replacement absentee ballot in person, by
12 mail, by telephone, or by other electronic transmission for himself or
13 herself and for any member of his or her immediate family. The request
14 must be received by the auditor before 8:00 p.m. on election day.

15 The county auditor shall maintain a record of each replacement
16 ballot issued, including the date of the request. Replacement absentee
17 ballots may be counted in the final tabulation of ballots only if the
18 original ballot is not received by the county auditor and the

1 replacement ballot meets all requirements for tabulation necessary for
2 the tabulation of regular absentee ballots.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.36.124 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 71 s 3 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) If a county auditor conducts an election by mail, the county
6 auditor shall designate (~~((the county auditor's office or a central
7 location in the district in which the election is conducted as the
8 single place to obtain a replacement ballot. The county auditor also
9 shall designate))~~) one or more places for the deposit of ballots not
10 returned by mail. The places designated under this section shall be
11 open on the date of the election for a period of thirteen hours,
12 beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m.

13 (2) A registered voter may obtain a replacement ballot as provided
14 in this subsection if the ballot is destroyed, (~~((spoiled))~~) damaged,
15 lost, or not received by the voter. ((A registered voter seeking a
16 replacement ballot shall sign a sworn statement that the ballot was
17 destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received and shall present the
18 statement to the county auditor no later than the day of the election.
19 Each spoiled ballot must be returned to the county auditor before a new
20 one is issued.)) A voter may request a replacement mail ballot in
21 person, by mail, by telephone, or by other electronic transmission for
22 himself or herself and for any member of his or her immediate family.
23 The request must be received by the auditor before 8:00 p.m. on
24 election day. The county auditor shall keep a record of each
25 replacement ballot (~~((provided under this subsection))~~) issued, including
26 the date of the request. Replacement mail ballots may be counted in
27 the final tabulation of ballots only if the original ballot is not
28 received by the county auditor and the replacement ballot meets all
29 requirements for tabulation necessary for the tabulation of regular
30 mail ballots.

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