
SENATE BILL 5886

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By Senators Stevens, Reardon, Benton, Sheahan, Zarelli and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to indication of voter abstention; and amending RCW
2 29.30.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.30.010 and 1990 c 59 s 10 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every ballot for a single combination of issues and offices shall
7 be uniform within a precinct and shall identify the type of primary or
8 election, the county, and the date of the primary or election, and the
9 ballot or voting device shall contain instructions on the proper method
10 of recording a vote, including write-in votes and abstentions. Each
11 position, together with the names of the candidates for that office and
12 an opportunity for the voter to indicate abstention from voting on that
13 office, shall be clearly separated from other offices or positions in
14 the same jurisdiction. The offices in each jurisdiction shall be
15 clearly separated from each other. No paper ballot or ballot card may
16 be marked in any way that would permit the identification of the person

1 who voted that ballot.

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