

**2SHB 1752** - H AMD

By Representative Nixon

1           On page 10, after line 7, insert the following:

2           "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**   A new section is added to chapter  
3 29A.60 RCW to read as follows:

4           (1) Each poll site ballot that was not tabulated at the poll  
5 site, each mail ballot, and each provisional ballot must be  
6 manually inspected.   Inspection must include both sides of the  
7 ballot and each voter response on the ballot.

8           (2) If the manual inspection reveals a physically damaged  
9 ballot, an unreadable ballot that might not be correctly counted by  
10 the tabulating equipment, or marks that differ from those specified  
11 in the voting instructions, the county auditor may:

12           (a) Refer the ballot to the county canvassing board; or

13           (b) If authorized by the county canvassing board, duplicate the  
14 ballot.

15           (3) A ballot may be duplicated only if the intent of the  
16 voter's marks on the ballot is clear and the electronic voting  
17 equipment might not otherwise properly tally the ballot to reflect  
18 the intent of the voter.   The voter's intent may be determined if  
19 the marks on the ballot clearly form a discernible and consistent  
20 pattern on the ballot.

21           (4) Ballots must be duplicated by teams of two or more people  
22 working together.   When duplicating ballots, the county auditor  
23 shall take the following steps to create and maintain an audit  
24 trail of the action taken:

25           (a) Each original ballot and duplicate ballot must be assigned  
26 the same unique control number, with the number being marked upon  
27 the face of each ballot, to insure that each duplicate ballot may  
28 be tied back to the original ballot;

29           (b) A log must be kept of the ballots duplicated, which must at  
30 least include:

1 (i) The control number of each original ballot and the  
2 corresponding duplicate ballot;  
3 (ii) The initials of at least two people who participated in  
4 the duplication of each ballot; and  
5 (iii) The total number of ballots duplicated.  
6 (5) Original ballots, duplicate ballots, and original ballots  
7 requiring duplication must be sealed in secure storage at all  
8 times, except during duplication, inspection by the canvassing  
9 board, or tabulation."

10 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
11 references accordingly.

12 Correct the title.

**EFFECT:** Restores provisions outlined under the original bill  
for duplicating ballots.