

ESSB 5499 - H AMD TO H AMD (5499-S.E AMH HUNS REIL 151)
By Representative Hinkle

1 On page 18 of the striking amendment, after line 23, insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** The secretary of state shall study the
4 feasibility of requiring that the names of the top two vote-getters
5 in primary elections of justices of the state supreme court, judges
6 of the courts of appeals, superior courts, and district courts, and
7 the superintendent of public instruction shall appear on the
8 general election ballot. The study shall include a survey of how
9 many times a judicial candidate and a candidate for superintendent
10 of public instruction have appeared without opposition on the
11 general election ballot from 1985 to present; the number of voters
12 voting for these races in the primary election as opposed to voting
13 for the same races in the general election; and if the differences
14 in the numbers of voters voting at the primary and voting at the
15 general election may have resulted in a different election result.
16 The study shall also include a financial analysis of the proposed
17 changes. The secretary of state shall report the results of the
18 study to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later
19 than January 31, 2006."

20 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
21 references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the Secretary of State to study the feasibility of requiring that the top two vote-getters for judicial and superintendent of public instruction races appear on the general election ballot, regardless of if the top vote-getter receives a majority of the vote.