

**SSB 5499** - S AMD TO S AMD (KAST HESS 012)104

By Senator Schoelser

1 On page 6, after line 38, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. RCW 29A.08.625 and 2003 c 111 s 240 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (1) A voter whose registration has been made inactive under this  
5 chapter and who offers to vote at an ensuing election before two  
6 federal elections have been held must be allowed to vote a regular  
7 ballot and the voter's registration restored to active status.

8 (2) A voter whose registration has been properly canceled under  
9 this chapter shall vote a provisional ballot. The voter shall mark the  
10 provisional ballot in secrecy, the ballot placed in a security  
11 envelope, the security envelope placed in a provisional ballot  
12 envelope, and the reasons for the use of the provisional ballot noted.

13 (3) Upon receipt of such a voted provisional ballot the auditor  
14 shall investigate the circumstances surrounding the original  
15 cancellation. If he or she determines that the cancellation was in  
16 error, the voter's registration must be immediately reinstated, and the  
17 voter's provisional ballot must be counted. If the original  
18 cancellation was not in error, the voter must be afforded the  
19 opportunity to reregister at his or her correct address, and the  
20 voter's provisional ballot must not be counted.

21 (4) The names and addresses of provisional voters is not a matter  
22 of public record, and no one other than an election officer may contact  
23 an individual provisional voter."

24 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
25 references accordingly.

26 On page 8, after line 37, insert the following:

27 "Sec. 6. RCW 29A.40.130 and 2003 c 111 s 1013 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

1 Each county auditor shall maintain in his or her office, open for  
2 public inspection, a record of the requests he or she has received for  
3 absentee ballots under this chapter.

4 The information from the requests shall be recorded and lists of  
5 this information shall be available no later than twenty-four hours  
6 after their receipt.

7 This information about absentee voters shall be available according  
8 to the date of the requests and by legislative district. It shall  
9 include the name of each applicant, the address and precinct in which  
10 the voter maintains a voting residence, the date on which an absentee  
11 ballot was issued to this voter, if applicable, the type of absentee  
12 ballot, and the address to which the ballot was or is to be mailed, if  
13 applicable.

14 The auditor shall make copies of these records available to the  
15 public for the actual cost of production or copying. However, these  
16 records may not be used by anyone other than an election officer to  
17 contact an individual absentee voter."

18 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
19 references accordingly.

20 On page 10, after line 30, insert the following:

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 29A.60  
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 If the county auditor receives an absentee or mail ballot in a  
24 return identification envelope on which the voter's signature is  
25 missing, illegible, or does not match the registration file, only the  
26 county auditor or other election officer may contact the voter  
27 regarding the signature. The names of voters in these cases is not a  
28 matter of public record."

29 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal  
30 references accordingly.

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4 On page 20, on line 21 of the title amendment, after "29A.04.611",  
5 insert "29A.08.625," and after "29A.40.110," insert "29A.40.130,"

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**EFFECT:** (1)Makes names and addresses of provisional voters not a matter of public record;  
(2) Prohibits any person other than elections officers from contacting provisional voters; and  
(3) Prohibits the use of absentee voter lists to contact absentee voters.