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1   On page 5, after line 36, insert the following:

2   "**Sec. 3.** 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.

1 On page 7, after line 28, insert the following:

2 "**Sec. 5.** RCW 29A.40.130 and 2003 c 111 s 1013 are each amended to
3 read as follows:
4 Each county auditor shall maintain in his or her office, open for
5 public inspection, a record of the requests he or she has received for
6 absentee ballots under this chapter.
7 The information from the requests shall be recorded and lists of
8 this information shall be available no later than twenty-four hours
9 after their receipt.
10 This information about absentee voters shall be available according
11 to the date of the requests and by legislative district. It shall
12 include the name of each applicant, the address and precinct in which
13 the voter maintains a voting residence, the date on which an absentee
14 ballot was issued to this voter, if applicable, the type of absentee
15 ballot, and the address to which the ballot was or is to be mailed, if
16 applicable.
17 The auditor shall make copies of these records available to the
18 public for the actual cost of production or copying. However, these
19 records may not be used by anyone other than an election officer to
20 contact an individual absentee voter."

21 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal
22 references accordingly.

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

1   "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.60

2 RCW to read as follows:

3   If the county auditor receives an absentee or mail ballot in a

4 return identification envelope on which the voter's signature is

5 missing, illegible, or does not match the registration file, only the

6 county auditor or other election officer may contact the voter

7 regarding the signature. The names of voters in these cases is not a

8 matter of public record."

9   Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal

10 references accordingly.

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11   In line 2 of the title, after "29A.04.611," insert "29A.08.625,"

12 and after "29A.40.110," insert "29A.40.130,"

    <u>EFFECT:</u> (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.

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