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SENATE BILL 5088

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By Senators Stevens, Mulliken, Benson, Honeyford, Johnson and Carrell

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1            AN ACT Relating to indication of voter abstention; and amending RCW  
2            29A.36.111.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.111 and 2004 c 271 s 128 are each amended to  
5            read as follows:

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

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