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SENATE BILL 6006

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By Senators Honeyford, Mulliken and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to voter registration; amending RCW 29A.08.115,  
2 29A.08.115, 29A.08.210, and 29A.08.220; adding a new section to chapter  
3 29A.84 RCW; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and  
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.115 and 2003 c 111 s 207 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Every registration assistant shall keep registration supplies at  
9 his or her usual place of residence or usual place of business. A  
10 person or organization collecting voter registration application forms  
11 must transmit the forms to the secretary of state or a designee at  
12 least once weekly. A person or organization collecting voter  
13 registration application forms may not make a photocopy or any other  
14 replication of the voter registration form unless authorized to do so  
15 under the provisions of this chapter.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.115 and 2004 c 267 s 108 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 A person or organization collecting voter registration application

1 forms must transmit the forms to the secretary of state or a designee  
2 at least once weekly. A person or organization collecting voter  
3 registration application forms may not make a photocopy or any other  
4 replication of the voter registration form unless authorized to do so  
5 under the provisions of this chapter.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.08.210 and 2003 c 111 s 216 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 An applicant for voter registration shall complete an application  
9 providing the following information concerning his or her  
10 qualifications as a voter in this state:

- 11 (1) The address of the last former registration of the applicant as  
12 a voter in the state;
- 13 (2) The applicant's full name;
- 14 (3) The applicant's date of birth;
- 15 (4) The address of the applicant's residence for voting purposes;
- 16 (5) The mailing address of the applicant if that address is not the  
17 same as the address in subsection (4) of this section;
- 18 (6) The sex of the applicant;
- 19 (7) A declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United  
20 States;
- 21 (8) The applicant's signature; and
- 22 (9) Any other information that the secretary of state determines is  
23 necessary to establish the identity of the applicant and prevent  
24 duplicate or fraudulent voter registrations.

25 This information shall be recorded on a single registration form to  
26 be prescribed by the secretary of state.

27 If the applicant fails to provide the information required for  
28 voter registration, the auditor shall send the applicant a verification  
29 notice. The auditor shall not register the applicant until the  
30 required information is provided. If a verification notice is returned  
31 as undeliverable or the applicant fails to respond to the notice within  
32 forty-five days, the auditor shall not register the applicant to vote.

33 The following warning shall appear in a conspicuous place on the  
34 voter registration form:

35 "If you knowingly provide false information on this voter  
36 registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your

1 qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a class  
2 C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by  
3 a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both imprisonment and fine."

4 Voter registration applications purchased and printed after the  
5 effective date of this section shall also contain the following warning  
6 in a conspicuous place on the form:

7 "To ensure proper and timely processing of this voter registration  
8 application, personally place the completed form in the mail or return  
9 it directly to the county auditor or secretary of state. Unauthorized  
10 duplication of voter registration forms is a class C felony punishable  
11 up to five years and/or ten thousand dollars."

12 Voter registration forms already printed without the above warning  
13 may be used until stocks have run out.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29A.08.220 and 2004 c 267 s 115 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The secretary of state shall specify by rule the format of all  
17 voter registration applications. These applications shall be  
18 compatible with existing voter registration records. An applicant for  
19 voter registration shall be required to complete only one application  
20 and to provide the required information other than his or her signature  
21 no more than one time. These applications shall also contain  
22 information for the voter to transfer his or her registration.

23 Any application format specified by the secretary for use in  
24 registering to vote in state and local elections shall satisfy the  
25 requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-  
26 31) and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) for  
27 registering to vote in federal elections.

28 (2) All registration applications required under RCW 29A.08.210 and  
29 29A.08.340 shall be produced and furnished by the secretary of state to  
30 the county auditors and the department of licensing.

31 (3) No election official, including county auditors and their staff  
32 or assistants, may mark or otherwise alter a blank voter registration  
33 form with the purpose of identifying the individual or organization to  
34 whom the forms were given.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   A new section is added to chapter 29A.84 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        Any person who knowingly photocopies or otherwise duplicates a  
4 completed voter registration form without authorization is guilty of a  
5 class C felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.   This section does not  
6 apply when the person duplicating the form is the same person listed on  
7 the voter registration form.

8        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.**   Section 1 of this act expires January 1,  
9 2006.

10       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**   Section 2 of this act takes effect January  
11 1, 2006.

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