
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6134

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Kline, Weinstein and Poulsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to remedies for improper challenges to a voter's
2 registration; adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW; and
3 prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The canvassing board may issue notice of a class 1 civil
8 infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW to any person challenging the
9 registration of another if the canvassing board determines that the
10 challenger: (a) Failed to exercise reasonable diligence in determining
11 the accuracy of the allegations on which the challenge is based; (b)
12 failed to base the challenge on his or her personal knowledge; (c) who
13 in issuing the challenge, primarily considered the voter's political
14 belief, political activity, or any characteristic protected by the law
15 against discrimination under chapter 49.60 RCW; or (d) issued a
16 challenge in bad faith or in an effort to intimidate, harass, or
17 otherwise deter a properly registered voter from voting.

18 (2) A voter whose registration has been challenged by another

1 registered voter is entitled to recover from the challenging voter
2 actual attorneys' fees incurred in opposing the challenge if the
3 challenge is rejected by the canvassing board or county auditor.

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