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SENATE BILL 6134

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By Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Kline, Weinstein and Poulsen

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1            AN ACT Relating to allowing canvassing boards to issue notices of  
2 civil infractions; 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            The canvassing board may issue notice of a class 1 civil infraction  
8 under chapter 7.80 RCW to any person challenging the registration of  
9 another if the canvassing board determines that the challenger: (1)  
10 Failed to exercise reasonable diligence in determining the accuracy of  
11 the allegations on which the challenge is based; (2) failed to base  
12 the challenge on his or her personal knowledge; (3) who in issuing the  
13 challenge, primarily considered the voter's political belief, political  
14 activity, or any characteristic protected by the law against  
15 discrimination under chapter 49.60 RCW; or (4) issued a challenge in  
16 bad faith or in an effort to intimidate, harass, or otherwise deter a  
17 properly registered voter from voting.

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