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By Representative Chandler

1 On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 1. RCW 2.36.072 and 1993 c 408 s 9 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) Each court shall establish a means to preliminarily
5 determine by a written declaration signed under penalty of perjury
6 by the person summoned, the qualifications set forth in RCW
7 2.36.070 of each person summoned for jury duty prior to their
8 appearance at the court to which they are summoned to serve.

9 (2) Upon receipt by the summoning court of a written
10 declaration stating that a declarant does not meet the
11 qualifications set forth in RCW 2.36.070, that declarant shall be
12 excused from appearing in response to the summons. If a person
13 summoned to appear for jury duty fails to sign and return a
14 declaration of his or her qualifications to serve as a juror prior
15 to appearing in response to a summons and is later determined to be
16 unqualified for one of the reasons set forth in RCW 2.36.070, that
17 person shall not be entitled to any compensation as provided in RCW
18 2.36.150.

19 (3) Information provided to the court for preliminary
20 determination of statutory qualification for jury duty may only be
21 used for the term such person is summoned and may not be used for
22 any other purpose, except ((that)) under the following
23 circumstances:

24 (a) The court, or designee, may report a change of address or
25 nondelivery of summons of persons summoned for jury duty to the
26 county auditor; and

27 (b) The summoning court must immediately notify the declarant,
28 county auditor, and secretary of state if it receives a written
29 declaration or otherwise learns that a declarant does not meet the
30 qualifications set forth in RCW 2.36.070 (1), (2), (3), or (5).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.08
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Whenever the secretary of state or a county auditor
4 receives information from the courts regarding a juror's
5 ineligibility to serve based on age, citizenship, residence, or
6 felony conviction pursuant to RCW 2.36.072(3)(b), the county
7 auditor shall verify the reason for ineligibility and take
8 appropriate action to cancel or transfer the registration. If the
9 reason for ineligibility for jury duty is based on felony
10 conviction, procedures in RCW 29A.08.520 must be followed.

11 (2) Once each year, the secretary of state shall conduct an
12 audit of county registration records regarding cancellation of
13 voters based on information received about their ineligibility to
14 serve on a jury. The audit shall consist of a comparison of the
15 ineligible juror information received from the courts and the
16 county registration records to ensure that the appropriate
17 cancellations and transfers are made."

18 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
19 references accordingly.

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the courts to notify the county auditor and the Secretary of State when it learns that a potential juror does not meet the age, citizenship, or residency requirements, or if the potential juror has been convicted of a felony. The county auditor must act on the notice by verifying the reason for ineligibility, and take appropriate action to cancel or transfer the registration. Once each year, the Secretary of State must audit county registration records to ensure the appropriate cancellations and transfers are made based on information received regarding ineligible jurors.