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On page 6, after line 33 of the striking amendment, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 29A.04 RCW to read as follows:

The secretary of state shall establish a toll free telephone line and web page for the purpose of accepting reports of voter fraud in any election of a statewide elected official. The secretary of state may investigate any complaint of voter fraud in an election of a statewide elected official and, as part of an investigation, may audit any county election. All evidence of voter fraud shall be turned over to the appropriate county law enforcement official for prosecution.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The secretary of state shall study current policy and laws regarding voter fraud and make recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 2008 regarding the following:
 - (1) Changes necessary to ensure there is no voting by individuals ineligible to vote;
 - (2) Changes necessary to guarantee that only eligible voters are voting;
 - (3) Changes necessary to increase the integrity of the voter registration database regarding the accuracy of registered voters' residential addresses and eligibility to vote; and
- 24 (4) Changes necessary to assure the public that voter fraud 25 will be fully investigated and prosecuted."

- Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal 2 references accordingly.
- 3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the secretary of state to establish a toll free telephone line and web page for the purpose of accepting reports of voter fraud related to an election of a statewide elected official. Allows the secretary of state to investigate complaints and audit an election. All evidence of voter fraud must be submitted to the appropriate law enforcement official. Requires the secretary of state to study current policy and laws pertaining to voter fraud and to make recommendations for changes to ensure voter eligibility and database accuracy to the legislature by January 2008.