
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2434

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By House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Hunt, and Nelson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to county canvassing board membership; and
2 amending RCW 29A.60.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.140 and 2005 c 274 s 250 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Members of the county canvassing board are the county auditor,
7 who is the chair, the county prosecuting attorney, and the chair of the
8 county legislative body. If a member of the board is not available to
9 carry out the duties of the board, then the auditor may designate a
10 deputy auditor, the prosecutor may designate a deputy prosecuting
11 attorney, and the chair of the county legislative body may designate
12 another member of the county legislative body or, in a county with over
13 five hundred thousand registered voters, an employee of the legislative
14 body who reports directly to the chair. Any such designation may be
15 made on an election-by-election basis or may be on a permanent basis
16 until revoked by the designating authority. Any such designation must
17 be in writing, and if for a specific election, must be filed with the
18 county auditor not later than the day before the first day duties are
19 to be undertaken by the canvassing board. If the designation is

1 permanent until revoked by the designating authority, then the
2 designation must be on file in the county auditor's office no later
3 than the day before the first day the designee is to undertake the
4 duties of the canvassing board. Members of the county canvassing board
5 designated by the county auditor, county prosecuting attorney, or chair
6 of the county legislative body shall complete training as provided in
7 RCW 29A.04.540 and shall take an oath of office similar to that taken
8 by county auditors and deputy auditors in the performance of their
9 duties.

10 (2) The county canvassing board may adopt rules that delegate in
11 writing to the county auditor or the county auditor's staff the
12 performance of any task assigned by law to the canvassing board.

13 (3) The county canvassing board may not delegate the responsibility
14 of certifying the returns of a primary or election, of determining the
15 validity of challenged ballots, or of determining the validity of
16 provisional ballots referred to the board by the county auditor.

17 (4) The county canvassing board shall adopt administrative rules to
18 facilitate and govern the canvassing process in that jurisdiction.

19 (5) Meetings of the county canvassing board are public meetings
20 under chapter 42.30 RCW. All rules adopted by the county canvassing
21 board must be adopted in a public meeting under chapter 42.30 RCW, and
22 once adopted must be available to the public to review and copy under
23 chapter 42.56 RCW.

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