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HOUSE BILL 2658

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By Representatives Loomis, Liias, Hunt, and Linville

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1            AN ACT Relating to invalidation of ballots; and amending RCW  
2            29A.60.040.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.040 and 2003 c 111 s 1504 are each amended to  
5            read as follows:

6            A ballot is invalid and no votes on that ballot may be counted if  
7            it is found folded together with another ballot (~~or it is marked so as~~  
8            ~~to identify the voter~~)).

9            Those parts of a ballot are invalid and no votes may be counted for  
10           those issues or offices where more votes are cast for the office or  
11           issue than are permitted by law; write-in votes do not contain all of  
12           the information required under RCW (~~(29A.60.020)~~) 29A.60.021; or that  
13           issue or office is not marked with sufficient definiteness to determine  
14           the voter's choice or intention. No write-in vote may be rejected due  
15           to a variation in the form of the name if the election board or the  
16           canvassing board can determine the issue for or against which or the  
17           person and the office for which the voter intended to vote.

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