SHB 1079 - H AMD **69**
    By Representative Hasegawa

1   On page 6, after line 24, insert the following:

2   **"Sec. 10.** RCW 29A.04.420 and 2003 c 111 s 147 are each amended

3 to read as follows:

4   (1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state

5 primary or general election held in an odd-numbered year under RCW

6 ((29A.04.320)) 29A.04.321, the state of Washington shall assume a

7 prorated share of the costs of that state primary or general election.

8   (2) The state shall reimburse counties for the cost of return

9 postage on mail and absentee ballots for primary and general

10 elections.

11   (3) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a

12 vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States

13 representative under chapter 29A.28 RCW, the state of Washington shall

14 assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy

15 election.

16   (((3))) (4) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share

17 of these expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29A.04.410

18 and shall file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

19   (((4))) (5) The secretary of state shall include in his or her

20 biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section.

21 Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations

22 specifically provided by law for that purpose."

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24   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any

25 internal references accordingly.

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1   On page 30, line 9, after "~~issued~~))." insert "Return envelopes for

2 primary and general election ballots shall include prepaid postage."

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4   Correct the title.

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    EFFECT: Requires that return envelopes for primary and general
election ballots include prepaid postage, and that the cost shall be
paid by the state.

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