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By Senators Prentice, Sheldon, Schoesler, Shin, Tom, Litzow, Regala, Harper, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to explanatory statements for measures referencing
2 another document; and amending RCW 29A.32.241.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.241 and 2011 c 10 s 29 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to the
7 following:

8 (1) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters'
9 pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, and the
10 date of the election or primary;

11 (2) A list of jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in the
12 pamphlet;

13 (3) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain a
14 ballot;

15 (4) The text of each measure accompanied by an explanatory
16 statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any county measure
17 or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure if other
18 than a county measure. All explanatory statements for city, town, or
19 district measures not approved by the attorney for the jurisdiction

1 submitting the measure shall be reviewed and approved by the county
2 prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when applicable, before
3 inclusion in the pamphlet. If the text of a measure references another
4 document, the explanatory statement shall contain the referenced
5 document in its entirety and may not make reference to any other
6 documents;

7 (5) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by
8 committees selected pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280; and

9 (6) For partisan primary elections, information on how to vote the
10 applicable ballot format and an explanation that minor political party
11 candidates and independent candidates will appear only on the general
12 election ballot.

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