
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1103

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By House Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Hunt, Stanford, Lias, Hayes, Morrell, Appleton, Fitzgibbon, Hudgins, Reykdal, and Bergquist)

READ FIRST TIME 02/14/13.

1 AN ACT Relating to uniform ballot design; amending RCW 29A.36.111;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 29A.36 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.111 and 2009 c 414 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The secretary of state, in conjunction with the Washington
7 state association of county auditors, shall develop a uniform ballot
8 format to be used by each county. The format must be implemented by
9 the year 2022, or upon replacement of vote tallying equipment,
10 whichever occurs first.

11 (2) Every ballot for a single combination of issues, offices, and
12 candidates shall be uniform within a precinct and shall identify the
13 type of primary or election, the county, and the date of the primary or
14 election, and the ballot or voting device shall contain instructions on
15 the proper method of recording a vote, including write-in votes. Each
16 position, together with the names of the candidates for that office,
17 shall be clearly separated from other offices or positions in the same
18 jurisdiction. The offices in each jurisdiction shall be clearly

1 separated from each other. No paper ballot or ballot card may be
2 marked by or at the direction of an election official in any way that
3 would permit the identification of the person who voted that ballot.

4 ~~((+2))~~ (3) An ~~((elections [election]))~~ election official may not
5 enter into or extend any contract with a vendor if such contract may
6 allow the vendor to acquire an ownership interest in any data
7 pertaining to any voter, any voter's address, registration number, or
8 history, or any ballot.

9 (4) The secretary of state, in conjunction with the department of
10 enterprise services and in consultation with county auditors, may
11 develop a master contract for vote tallying equipment for purchase by
12 counties.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29A.36 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 A county auditor may establish an equipment replacement fund that
16 must be used explicitly to replace vote tallying equipment and only the
17 county auditor may authorize expenditures from the fund. Election
18 billing charges must be sufficient to fund the replacement of the
19 equipment no later than the year 2022.

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