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1 AN ACT Relating to placement of ballot drop boxes; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 29A.40 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each county auditor or other local election official must place
7 at least one ballot drop box at each public institution of higher
8 education, including one at each branch campus. Ballot drop boxes may
9 be placed inside a building or outdoors and must be in place at least
10 eighteen days before the next general election. "Institution of higher
11 education" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.10.016.

12 (2) Each county auditor or local election official shall establish
13 and maintain an advisory committee that includes a representative from
14 the Washington student association and a representative from the
15 administration and student government associated with each public
16 institution of higher education located in that county. The committee
17 shall assist election officials by:

18 (a) Identifying locations for the ballot drop boxes that will
19 maximize accessibility to students; and

1 (b) Developing an outreach plan that identifies other means to
2 promote students' voting by use of the ballot drop boxes.

3 (3)(a) Within ninety days of the effective date of this section,
4 each county auditor or local election official shall provide a report
5 to the secretary of state's office that includes the following
6 information:

7 (i) The number, type, and location of the county's ballot boxes,
8 including those permanently installed and those installed on a
9 temporary basis in the periods immediately preceding an election; and

10 (ii) A description of the methods used to inform voters of the
11 location of the ballot drop boxes.

12 (b) The secretary of state shall compile the information obtained
13 in (a) of this subsection and provide it in a report to appropriate
14 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2013.

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