
SENATE BILL 5580

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to processing ballots; and amending RCW 29A.60.160.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.160 and 2011 c 10 s 53 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The county auditor, as delegated by the county canvassing
6 board, shall process ballots and canvass the votes cast at that primary
7 or election on a daily basis in counties with a population of seventy-
8 five thousand or more, or at least every third day for counties with a
9 population of less than seventy-five thousand, if the county auditor is
10 in possession of more than five hundred ballots that have yet to be
11 canvassed.

12 (2) On the day of the primary or general election, ballots must be
13 processed and counted until midnight or until all ballots received up
14 to and on that day have been processed and counted, whichever occurs
15 first.

16 (3) Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays are not counted for
17 purposes of this section.

18 ((+3+)) (4) In order to protect the secrecy of a ballot, the county

1 auditor may use discretion to decide when to process absentee ballots
2 and canvass the votes.

3 ((+4)) (5) Tabulation results must be made available to the public
4 immediately upon completion of the canvass.

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