

**ESSB 5048** - H AMD TO LG COMM AMD (5048-S.E AMH LG H2385.2) 377  
By Representative Takko

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1 On page 1, line 13 of the striking amendment, after "petition"  
2 strike all material through "question" on line 15 and insert "and  
3 issue a petition identification number. The ballot title must be  
4 prepared by the applicable city attorney in accordance with this  
5 section and RCW 29A.36.071, and the question posed to the voters must  
6 be written"

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8 On page 2, after line 23 of the striking amendment, insert the  
9 following:

10 "Sec. 3. RCW 29A.36.071 and 2006 c 311 s 9 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036,  
13 82.46.021, or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on  
14 an enactment or portion of an enactment of a local government and  
15 any other question submitted to the voters of a local government  
16 consists of three elements: (a) An identification of the enacting  
17 legislative body and a statement of the subject matter; (b) a  
18 concise description of the measure; and (c) a question. The ballot  
19 title must conform with the requirements and be displayed  
20 substantially as provided under RCW 29A.72.050, except that the  
21 concise description must not exceed seventy-five words; however, a  
22 concise description submitted on behalf of a proposed or existing  
23 regional transportation investment district may exceed seventy-five  
24 words. If the local governmental unit is a city or a town, or if the  
25 ballot title is for a referendum under section 1 of this act, the  
26 concise statement shall be prepared by the city or town attorney. If  
27 the local governmental unit is a county, the concise statement shall

1 be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county. If the unit  
2 is a unit of local government other than a city, town, or county,  
3 the concise statement shall be prepared by the prosecuting attorney  
4 of the county within which the majority area of the unit is located.

5 (2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local  
6 government shall be advertised in the manner provided for nominees  
7 for elective office.

8 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another  
9 provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of  
10 ballot question or proposition."

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EFFECT: Requires the applicable city attorney, rather than the  
county auditor, to prepare ballot titles for the referendum of a  
city resolution or ordinance to assume jurisdiction of all or part  
of a water-sewer district.

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