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By Senator Padden

1 On page 1, after line 4, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that many
3 local governments are presently considering the option of converting
4 from at large elections to electoral systems that are oriented
5 towards district-based voting. However, several types of
6 jurisdictions are required to conduct their general elections on an
7 at large basis, and are thus precluded from any change. This state
8 law prohibition may put certain jurisdictions in the precarious
9 position of facing liability under federal law, while state law
10 prevents them from adopting a legitimate, good faith solution.
11 Further, noting the outcome of the recent lawsuit within the state of
12 Washington, the legislature recognizes that the federal voting rights
13 act provides an effective means to challenge what a plaintiff
14 considers to be an unfair electoral system. Therefore, the
15 legislature intends to provide local governments with the tools they
16 need to offer the most effective, inclusive, and fair electoral
17 systems for their citizens."

18 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
19 internal references accordingly.

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20 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "elections;" strike "and"

21 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "36.32.0556" insert "; and
22 creating a new section"

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