

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 1806

As Passed House:
March 3, 2015

Title: An act relating to correcting references to elections statutes.

Brief Description: Correcting references to elections statutes.

Sponsors: House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Werven, Bergquist, Holy, Appleton, Gregory and S. Hunt).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/4/15, 2/5/15 [DPS].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/3/15, 96-1.

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Corrects cross-references and repealed policies relating to elections.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives S. Hunt, Chair; Bergquist, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Gregory and Hawkins.

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

In 2003 election law in Title 29 RCW was reorganized and recodified into Title 29A RCW. However, cross-references to Title 29 RCW in other statutes were not corrected. In the ensuing years, changes to the laws such as adoption of two different primary systems and vote by mail, have resulted in many erroneous references to election laws.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Technical changes are made to correct cross-references to election laws and repealed policies.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This is a simple, clean-up bill that updates the codes and citations and removes a couple of references to poll-site voting which we no longer have in our state.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Van Werven, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.