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1   AN ACT Relating to enhancing election reconciliation reports; and
2 amending RCW 29A.60.235.

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

4   **Sec. 1.**   RCW 29A.60.235 and 2011 c 10 s 62 are each amended to
5 read as follows:
6   (1) The county auditor shall prepare((, make publicly available
7 at the auditor's office or on the auditor's web site, and submit)) at
8 the time of certification an election reconciliation report that
9 discloses the following information:
10   (((1))) (a) The number of registered voters;
11   (((2))) (b) The number of ballots issued;
12   (((3))) (c) The number of ballots received;
13   (((4))) (d) The number of ballots counted;
14   (((5))) (e) The number of ballots rejected;
15   (((6))) (f) The number of provisional ballots issued;
16   (((7))) (g) The number of provisional ballots received;
17   (((8))) (h) The number of provisional ballots counted;
18   (((9))) (i) The number of provisional ballots rejected;
19   (((10))) (j) The number of federal write-in ballots received;
20   (((11))) (k) The number of federal write-in ballots counted;
21   (((12))) (l) The number of federal write-in ballots rejected;

1   ((~~(13)~~)) <u>(m)</u> The number of overseas and service ballots issued <u>by</u>
2   <u>mail, email, web site link, or facsimile;</u>
3   ((~~(14)~~)) <u>(n)</u> The number of overseas and service ballots received
4   <u>by mail, email, or facsimile;</u>
5   ((~~(15)~~)) <u>(o)</u> The number of overseas and service ballots counted
6   <u>by mail, email, or facsimile;</u>
7   ((~~(16)~~)) <u>(p)</u> The number of overseas and service ballots rejected
8   <u>by mail, email, or facsimile;</u>
9   ((~~(17)~~)) <u>(q) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots</u>
10   <u>sent by email, web site link, or facsimile;</u>
11   <u>(r) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots received by</u>
12   <u>email or facsimile;</u>
13   <u>(s) The number of nonoverseas and nonservice ballots that were</u>
14   <u>rejected for:</u>
15   <u>(i) Failing to send an original or hard copy of the ballot by the</u>
16   <u>certification deadline; or</u>
17   <u>(ii) Any other reason, including the reason for rejection;</u>
18   <u>(t)</u> The number of voters credited with voting; and
19   ((~~(18)~~)) <u>(u)</u> Any other information the auditor or secretary of
20   state deems necessary to reconcile the number of ballots counted with
21   the number of voters credited with voting.
22   <u>(2) The county auditor must make the report available to the</u>
23   <u>public at the auditor's office and must publish the report on the</u>
24   <u>auditor's web site at the time of certification. The county auditor</u>
25   <u>must submit the report to the secretary of state at the time of</u>
26   <u>certification in any form determined by the secretary of state.</u>
27   <u>(3)(a) The secretary of state must collect the reconciliation</u>
28   <u>reports from each county auditor and prepare a statewide</u>
29   <u>reconciliation report for each state primary and general election.</u>
30   <u>The report may be produced in a form determined by the secretary that</u>
31   <u>includes the information as described in this subsection (3). The</u>
32   <u>report must be prepared and published on the secretary of state's web</u>
33   <u>site within two months after the last county's election results have</u>
34   <u>been certified.</u>
35   <u>(b) The state report must include a comparison among counties on</u>
36   <u>rates of votes received, counted, and rejected, including</u>
37   <u>provisional, write-in, overseas ballots, and ballots transmitted</u>
38   <u>electronically. The comparison information may be in the form of</u>
39   <u>rankings, percentages, or other relevant quantifiable data that can</u>
40   <u>be used to measure performance and trends.</u>

1   (c) The state report must also include an analysis of the data
2   that can be used to develop a better understanding of election
3   administration and policy. The analysis must combine data, as
4   available, over multiple years to provide broader comparisons and
5   trends regarding voter registration and turnout and ballot counting.
6   The analysis must incorporate national election statistics to the
7   extent such information is available.

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