

SB 5453 - S AMD 46

By Senator Schoesler

WITHDRAWN 03/12/2019

1 On page 3, after line 24, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The secretary of state must conduct a
3 study of irrigation district election-related practices and
4 procedures and recommend best practices to standardize those
5 procedures across all districts. Best practices are those that are
6 equitable and ensure thorough governance of irrigation districts. In
7 conducting this study, the secretary of state may collaborate with
8 county assessors, county auditors, and other relevant stakeholders as
9 necessary.

10 (2) The secretary of state must report its findings and
11 recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
12 legislature by June 30, 2020. At minimum, recommendations for the
13 standardization of election procedures must include procedures to:

- 14 (a) Identify qualified voters and directors;
- 15 (b) Notify qualified voters and directors;
- 16 (c) Deliver and return ballots;
- 17 (d) Identify and count official returns; and
- 18 (e) Declare the winning candidate."

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19 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2 of the title, strike all
20 material through "87.03.435" and insert "amending RCW 87.03.082 and
21 87.03.435; and creating a new section"

EFFECT: Requires the Secretary of State to study and make
recommendations to standardize irrigation district election methods
by June 30, 2020.

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