

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 1520

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning calendar election dates on ballot envelopes.

Sponsors: House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morgan, Hudgins, Rude, Mead, Stonier, Frame, Riccelli, Appleton, Pellicciotti, Kilduff, Doglio and Reeves).

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations
Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections

Background:

Washington allows voting by mail, and the county auditor must send each voter a ballot. The auditor must also send a security envelope in which the voter can conceal the ballot after voting, along with a larger envelope in which to return the security envelope.

The county auditor must provide notice for any election between five and 15 days prior to the deadline for mail-in voter registration. Notice must be published in one or more newspapers and it must contain information about the date of the election, the offices or measures appearing on the ballot, voter registration, and how to obtain a ballot.

Summary:

The county auditor must prominently display the date of the election on the envelope in which a voter receives a ballot and other election materials. The date must be printed in bold type at least size 20 font. This requirement is implemented in phases: it applies to general elections beginning in 2020, primary elections beginning in 2021, and all elections in 2022 and thereafter.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0
House	97	0
Senate	49	0

Effective: June 11, 2020

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