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1   On page 3, after line 11, insert the following:

2   **"Sec. 3.**   RCW 29A.92.050 and 2021 c 173 s 4 are each amended to
3 read as follows:
4   (1)(a) Prior to the adoption of its proposed plan, the political
5 subdivision must provide public notice to residents of the
6 subdivision about the proposed remedy to a potential violation of RCW
7 29A.92.020. If a significant segment of the residents of the
8 subdivision have limited English proficiency and speaks a language
9 other than English, the political subdivision must:
10   (i) Provide accurate written and verbal notice of the proposed
11 remedy in languages that diverse residents of the political
12 subdivision can understand, as indicated by demographic data; and
13   (ii) Air radio or television public service announcements
14 describing the proposed remedy broadcast in the languages that
15 diverse residents of the political subdivision can understand, as
16 indicated by demographic data.
17   (b) The political subdivision shall hold at least one public
18 hearing on the proposed plan at least one week before adoption.
19   (c) For purposes of this section, "significant segment of the
20 community" means five percent or more of residents, or five hundred
21 or more residents, whichever is fewer, residing in the political
22 subdivision.
23   (2)(a) If the political subdivision invokes its authority under
24 RCW 29A.92.040 and the plan is adopted during the period of time
25 between the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November and on
26 or before January 15th of the following year, the political
27 subdivision shall order new elections to occur at the next succeeding
28 general election.
29   (b) If the political subdivision invokes its authority under RCW
30 29A.92.040 and the plan is adopted during the period of time between
31 January 16th and on or before the first Monday of November, the next
32 election will occur as scheduled and organized under the current

1 electoral system, but the political subdivision shall order new
2 elections to occur pursuant to the remedy at the general election the
3 following calendar year.
4   (3) If a political subdivision implements a district-based
5 election system under RCW 29A.92.040(2), the plan shall be consistent
6 with the following criteria:
7   (a) Each district shall be as reasonably equal in population as
8 possible to each and every other such district comprising the
9 political subdivision.
10   (b) Each district shall be reasonably compact.
11   (c) Each district shall consist of geographically contiguous
12 area.
13   (d) To the extent feasible, the district boundaries shall
14 coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to
15 the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and
16 mutual interest.
17   (e) District boundaries may not be drawn or maintained in a
18 manner that creates or perpetuates the dilution of the votes of the
19 members of a protected class or classes.
20   (f) District boundaries may not be drawn or maintained in a
21 manner that favors or disfavors any racial group or political party.
22   (g) All positions on the governing body must stand for election
23 at the next election for the governing body, scheduled pursuant to
24 subsection (2) of this section. The governing body may subsequently
25 choose to stagger the terms of its positions.
26   (4) Within forty-five days after receipt of federal decennial
27 census information applicable to a specific local area, the
28 commission established in RCW 44.05.030 shall forward the census
29 information to each political subdivision.
30   (5) No later than November 15th of each year ending in one, the
31 governing body of the political subdivision that had previously
32 invoked its authority under RCW 29A.92.040 to implement a district-
33 based election system, or that was previously charged with
34 redistricting under RCW 29A.92.110, shall prepare a plan for
35 redistricting its districts, pursuant to RCW 29A.76.010, and in a
36 manner consistent with this chapter."

37   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
38 internal references accordingly.

1   On page 4, line 38, after "classes" insert ". The court may not
2 approve a remedy that favors or disfavors any racial group or
3 political party"

4   On page 17, line 10, after "sections" strike all material through
5 "14" and insert "1 through 5, 7 through 10, and 15"

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6   On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "29A.92.030," insert
7 "29A.92.050,"

    EFFECT: Clarifies that an electoral system created as a result of
a Washington Voting Rights Act claim or in response to a potential
claim may not favor or disfavor any racial group or political party.

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