

ESHB 1048 - S AMD 276
By Senator Short

NOT ADOPTED 04/05/2023

- 1 On page 8, beginning on line 16, strike all of subsection (5)
- 2 Beginning on page 9, line 32, strike all of subsection (4)
- 3 On page 10, beginning on line 16, after "action." strike all
4 material through "~~filed.~~)" on line 17 and insert "No fees or costs
5 may be awarded if no action is filed."
- 6 On page 10, beginning on line 18, after "(2)" strike all material
7 through "(3)" on line 26
- 8 Correct any internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: (1) Requires that a plaintiff in a lawsuit alleging a violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act (WVRA) prevail in the lawsuit to recover fees or costs incurred in developing the notice of the alleged violation.

(2) Removes provisions allowing claimants of WVRA violations who do not file a lawsuit or plaintiffs who demonstrate that the political subdivision altered its behavior in response to an allegation of a WVRA violation from recovering fees or costs incurred in developing the notice of the alleged violation.

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