
HOUSE BILL 1624

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By Representatives Ybarra and Waters

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1 AN ACT Relating to administering educational service district
2 elections; and amending RCW 28A.310.090 and 28A.310.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.310.090 and 2022 c 79 s 7 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Candidates for membership on an educational service district
7 board shall file declarations of candidacy with the Washington state
8 school directors' association on forms prepared by the association.
9 Declarations of candidacy may be filed (~~by person or by mail not~~)
10 no earlier than the first day of September, nor later than the 16th
11 day of September. The association may not accept any declaration of
12 candidacy that is not (~~on file in its office or is not postmarked~~)
13 received before the 17th day of September.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.310.100 and 2022 c 79 s 8 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Each member of an educational service district board shall be
17 elected by a majority of the votes cast at the election for all
18 candidates for the position. All votes shall be cast (~~by mail~~
19 ~~addressed to~~) on forms developed by the Washington state school
20 directors' association and no votes shall be accepted for counting if

1 ((~~postmarked~~)) received after the 16th day of October ((~~or if not~~
2 ~~postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after~~
3 ~~the 21st day of October following the call of the election~~)). The
4 executive director of the Washington state school directors'
5 association and an election board comprised of three persons
6 appointed by the association shall count and tally the votes not
7 later than the 25th day of October in the following manner: Each vote
8 cast by a school director shall be accorded as one vote. If no
9 candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, then, not later than
10 the first day of November, the executive director of the Washington
11 state school directors' association shall call a second election to
12 be conducted in the same manner and at which the candidates shall be
13 the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast. No
14 vote cast at such second election shall be received for counting ((~~if~~
15 ~~postmarked~~)) after the 16th day of November ((~~or if not postmarked or~~
16 ~~the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after the 21st day~~
17 ~~of November~~)) and the votes shall be counted as hereinabove provided
18 on the 25th day of November. The candidate receiving a majority of
19 votes at any such second election shall be declared elected. In the
20 event of a tie in such second election, the candidate elected shall
21 be determined by a chance drawing of a nature established by the
22 executive director of the Washington state school directors'
23 association. Within 10 days following the count of votes in an
24 election at which a member of an educational service district board
25 is elected, the executive director of the Washington state school
26 directors' association shall certify to the county auditor of the
27 headquarters county of the educational service district the name or
28 names of the persons elected to be members of the educational service
29 district board.

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