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By Senators J. Wilson and Fortunato

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing voters with information regarding
2 elections law violations within the voters' pamphlet; and amending
3 RCW 29A.32.031.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.031 and 2020 c 208 s 11 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW
8 29A.32.010 must contain:

9 (1) Information about each measure for an advisory vote of the
10 people and each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the voters
11 for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

12 (2) In even-numbered years, statements, if submitted, from
13 candidates for the office of president and vice president of the
14 United States, United States senator, United States representative,
15 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer,
16 state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands,
17 superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state
18 senator, state representative, justice of the supreme court, judge of
19 the court of appeals, or judge of the superior court. Candidates may
20 also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more

1 than five years old in a format that the secretary of state
2 determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

3 (3) In odd-numbered years, if any office voted upon statewide
4 appears on the ballot due to a vacancy, then statements and
5 photographs for candidates for any vacant office listed in subsection
6 (2) of this section must appear;

7 (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission
8 established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement:
9 "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and
10 local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov."
11 The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as on the
12 cover or on the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The
13 secretary of state may substitute such language as is necessary for
14 accuracy and clarity and consistent with the intent of this section;

15 (5) Contact information for major political parties;

16 (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of
17 language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080;

18 (7) A list of all student engagement hubs as designated under RCW
19 29A.40.180; (~~and~~)

20 (8) On the inside cover, a warning that clearly: (a) Informs
21 readers that it is illegal to vote if he or she is not a United
22 States citizen; it is illegal to vote if he or she has been convicted
23 of a felony and has not had his or her voting rights restored; and it
24 is illegal to cast a ballot or sign a ballot declaration on behalf of
25 another voter; (b) contains the list of voter violations punishable
26 by felony under RCW 29A.84.130; and (c) provides contact information
27 for the secretary of state's office in order to report suspected
28 incidences of voter fraud and other election law violations; and

29 (9) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be
30 required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is
31 deemed informative to the voters.

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