

STATE PRINTING OF PRIMARY VOTER PAMPHLET



Currently the state is required to produce a voters' pamphlet for general elections, but not for the primary elections in even-numbered years. While counties may choose to do so themselves and bill the state for their portion of a locally-produced pamphlet, the result is that the information on primary candidates received by voters varies by county of residence, and the cost of local staffing and production is collectively higher than if centrally produced and distributed at the state level.

This bill proposes to ensure statewide consistency in providing a voter pamphlet for primary elections in a equitable and cost-effective manner.

Voters expect and rely upon the information provided in voter pamphlets. Having information on state-level candidates in primary elections should not be a factor of local residence. This proposal will result in equity of information received by voters and a more cost-effective means of getting it to them.

The Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) joins with Secretary of State Steve Hobbs and the Washington Association of County Auditors (WSACA) in support of this proposal.

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