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SENATE BILL 5146

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By Senators Winsley, Sheldon and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to absentee ballots for members of the armed  
2 forces; and amending RCW 29.36.013.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.36.013 and 1991 c 81 s 30 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Any disabled voter (~~(or)~~), any voter over the age of sixty-five, or  
7 any voter who is a member of the armed forces may apply, in writing,  
8 for status as an ongoing absentee voter. Each such voter shall be  
9 granted that status by his or her county auditor and shall  
10 automatically receive an absentee ballot for each ensuing election for  
11 which he or she is entitled to vote and need not submit a separate  
12 request for each election. Ballots received from ongoing absentee  
13 voters shall be validated, processed, and tabulated in the same manner  
14 as other absentee ballots.

15 Status as an ongoing absentee voter shall be terminated upon any of  
16 the following events:

- 17 (1) The written request of the voter;  
18 (2) The death or disqualification of the voter;  
19 (3) The cancellation of the voter's registration record;

1 (4) The return of an ongoing absentee ballot as undeliverable; or  
2 (5) January 1st of each odd-numbered year or, for a voter who is a  
3 member of the armed forces, January 1st of each year.

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