
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6797

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By Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Gordon, and Fairley)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to voters' pamphlets; and amending RCW 29A.32.220.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.220 and 2003 c 111 s 814 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Not later than ninety days before the publication and
6 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet by a county, the county
7 auditor shall notify each city, town, or special taxing district
8 located wholly within that county that a pamphlet will be produced.

9 (2) ~~((If))~~ For counties with a population of one hundred thousand
10 or greater, a voters' pamphlet ~~((is))~~ shall be published by the county
11 for a primary, special, or general election~~((r))~~. The pamphlet shall
12 be published for the elective offices and ballot measures of the county
13 and for the elective offices and ballot measures of each unit of local
14 government located entirely within the county which will appear on the
15 ballot at that primary, special, or general election. However, the
16 offices and measures of a first-class or code city shall not be
17 included in the pamphlet if the city publishes and distributes its own
18 voters' pamphlet for the primary, special, or general election for its
19 offices and measures. The offices and measures of any other town or

1 city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet if the town or
2 city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and distribute a
3 voters' pamphlet for the primary, special, or general election for its
4 offices and measures and it does so.

5 ~~((If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the
6 offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undue
7 financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative
8 authority of the unit may petition the legislative authority of the
9 county to waive this requirement. The legislative authority of the
10 county may provide such a waiver if it does so not later than sixty
11 days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the
12 requirement would create such hardship.))~~

13 (3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one
14 county, the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal
15 agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters'
16 pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located
17 outside of that county.

18 (4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production and
19 distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that city
20 shall notify any special taxing district located wholly within that
21 city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be provided
22 in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of this
23 section.

24 (5) A unit of local government located within a county and the
25 county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a
26 voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2)
27 of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.

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