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By Senator Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to errors in voters' pamphlets; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 29A.32 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.32 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) When a material error occurs in a local voters' pamphlet, the
7 election officer shall:

8 (a)(i) Send a notice of correction to a local publication that is
9 estimated to circulate to ninety percent of the active voters affected
10 by the material error; or

11 (ii) If there are no publications that meet the circulation
12 requirement, send a letter to the active voters affected by the
13 material error stating the correction; and

14 (b) Post a correction of the material error on the election
15 officer's web site if one is available.

16 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
17 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

18 (a) "Active voter" has the same meaning as in RCW 29A.08.615.

1 (b) "Active voters affected by the material error" means active
2 voters who are qualified to vote on the candidate or issue where the
3 material error occurred.

4 (c) "Material error" means anything that pertains to the nature or
5 character of a candidate's identity or anything that would
6 substantially change the meaning of a proposed measure.

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