
HOUSE BILL 1771

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By Representative Hasegawa

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1 AN ACT Relating to candidates' statements in local voters'
2 pamphlets; and amending RCW 29A.32.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.32.230 and 2003 c 111 s 815 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The county auditor or, if applicable, the city clerk of a first-
7 class or code city shall, in consultation with the participating
8 jurisdictions, adopt and publish administrative rules necessary to
9 facilitate the provisions of any ordinance authorizing production of a
10 local voters' pamphlet. Any amendment to such a rule shall also be
11 adopted and published. Copies of the rules shall identify the date
12 they were adopted or last amended and shall be made available to any
13 person upon request. One copy of the rules adopted by a county auditor
14 and one copy of any amended rules shall be submitted to the county
15 legislative authority. One copy of the rules adopted by a city clerk
16 and one copy of any amended rules shall be submitted to the city
17 legislative authority. These rules shall include but not be limited to
18 the following:

- 1 (1) Deadlines for decisions by cities, towns, or special taxing
2 districts on being included in the pamphlet;
- 3 (2) Limits on the length and deadlines for submission of arguments
4 for and against each measure;
- 5 (3) The basis for rejection of any explanatory or candidates'
6 statement or argument deemed to be libelous or otherwise inappropriate.
7 (~~Any statements by a candidate shall be limited to those about the~~
8 ~~candidate himself or herself~~) A candidate's statement submitted for
9 inclusion in the local voters' pamphlet shall not contain false or
10 misleading statements about the candidate's opponent;
- 11 (4) Limits on the length and deadlines for submission of
12 candidates' statements;
- 13 (5) An appeal process in the case of the rejection of any statement
14 or argument.

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