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By Senators Roach and Harper

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- AN ACT Relating to voters' pamphlets; adding a new section to
- 2 chapter 29A.84 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.84 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) Any person who knowingly makes or allows to be made on his or her behalf a false statement of material fact in a voters' pamphlet is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.
 - (2) For purposes of this section, a "false statement of material fact" includes a statement that would lead a person of ordinary intelligence to reasonably understand the statement as conveying information that is false.
- 13 (3) The public disclosure commission may impose a civil penalty not 14 to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation under subsection (1) 15 of this section.

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