
SENATE BILL 6478

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By Senators Oemig, Swecker, Pridemore, Kline, Spanel, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to ballot identification; and amending RCW
2 29A.36.111.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.111 and 2004 c 271 s 128 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Every ballot for a single combination of issues, offices, and
7 candidates shall be uniform within a precinct and shall identify the
8 type of primary or election, the county, and the date of the primary or
9 election, and the ballot or voting device shall contain instructions on
10 the proper method of recording a vote, including write-in votes. Each
11 position, together with the names of the candidates for that office,
12 shall be clearly separated from other offices or positions in the same
13 jurisdiction. The offices in each jurisdiction shall be clearly
14 separated from each other. No paper ballot or ballot card may be
15 marked in any way that would permit the identification of the person
16 who voted that ballot.

17 (2) No paper ballot or ballot card may contain any encrypted or
18 unencrypted bar code or other unique identifying mark, except as
19 specifically authorized by this subsection. A ballot may contain a

1 randomly generated unique identifying mark solely for auditing and vote
2 reconciliation purposes, or to determine if a particular ballot has
3 been previously counted. The unique identifying mark shall not be
4 associated at any time with an individual voter, a voter's address, or
5 a voter's registration number.

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