

medical technician, or first responder, nor shall this section relieve any individual or other entity listed in this section of any duty otherwise imposed by law for the provision or maintenance of equipment to be used by the physician's trained mobile intensive care paramedics, intravenous therapy technicians, airway management technicians, emergency medical technicians, or first responders.

This section shall not apply to any act or omission which constitutes either gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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## CHAPTER 261

[House Bill No. 1996]

### VOTER REGISTRATION CANCELLATION—INQUIRY AND NOTICE

AN ACT Relating to voter registration cancellation; amending RCW 29.10.180; and repealing RCW 29.10.190.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 359, Laws of 1987 and RCW 29.10.180 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Whenever any vote-by-mail ballot, notification to voters following reprecincting of the county, notification to voters of selection to serve on jury duty, or initial voter identification card is returned by the postal service as undeliverable, the county auditor shall, in every instance, inquire into the validity of the registration of that voter.

(2) The county auditor shall initiate his or her inquiry by sending, by first-class mail, a written notice to the challenged voter at the address indicated on the voter's permanent registration record and to any other address at which the county auditor could reasonably expect mail to be received by the voter. The county auditor shall not request any restriction on the forwarding of such notice by the postal service. The notice shall contain the nature of the inquiry and provide a suitable form for reply. The notice shall also contain a warning that the county auditor must receive a response within ~~((sixty))~~ forty-five days from the date of mailing or the individual's voter registration will be canceled.

(3) The voter, in person or in writing, may state that the information on the permanent voter registration record is correct or may request a change in the address information on the permanent registration record no later than the ~~((sixtieth))~~ forty-fifth day after the date of mailing the inquiry.

(4) Upon the timely receipt of a response signed by the voter, the county auditor shall consider the inquiry satisfied and will make ~~((the))~~ any address corrections requested by the voter on the permanent registration record. The county auditor shall cancel the registration of a voter who fails to respond to the notice of inquiry within ~~((sixty))~~ forty-five days after the date of mailing.

(5) The county auditor shall notify ~~((the))~~ any voter whose registration has been canceled by ~~((mail as prescribed in RCW 29.10.080. A voter may respond no later than the forty-fifth day after the date of mailing of the notice of cancellation))~~ sending, by first class mail, a written notice to the address indicated on the voter's permanent registration record and to any other address to which the original inquiry was sent. Upon receipt of ~~((the))~~ a satisfactory voter response, the auditor shall reinstate the voter.

(6) A voter whose registration has been canceled under this section and who offers to vote at the next ensuing election shall be issued a questioned ballot. Upon receipt of such a questioned ballot the auditor shall investigate the circumstances surrounding the original cancellation. If he or she determines that the cancellation was in error, the voter's registration shall be immediately reinstated, and the voter's questioned ballot shall be counted. If the original cancellation was not in error, the voter shall be afforded the opportunity to reregister at his or her correct address, and the voter's questioned ballot shall not be counted.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 359, Laws of 1987 and RCW 29.10.190 are each repealed.

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## CHAPTER 262

[Substitute House Bill No. 1854]

### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL—RESOURCE DAMAGE—MEASURE OF DAMAGES

AN ACT Relating to resource damage assessment under the state water pollution control act; amending RCW 90.48.142, 90.48.390, and 90.48.400; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that there is confusion regarding the measure of damages authorized under RCW 90.48.142. The intent of this act is to clarify existing law on the measure of damages authorized under RCW 90.48.142, not to change the law.