

CHAPTER 136

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3742]

ABSENTEE VOTES—PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

AN ACT Relating to absentee voting; and amending section 29.36.075, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.075.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.36.075, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.075 are each amended to read as follows:

Canvassing boards of any primary or election, including a state primary or state general election, shall not tabulate or record votes cast by absentee ballots on any uncontested office except write-in votes for the office of precinct committeepersons. Write-in votes for uncontested precinct committeepersons' races shall be canvassed and included with the official vote count.

Each voter casting an absentee ballot not counted as provided in this section, nevertheless, shall be credited with voting on his permanent voting history record. Further, such uncounted absentee ballots shall be retained for the same length of time and in the same manner as paper ballots cast in person as provided by RCW 29.54.070.

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CHAPTER 137

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4201]

USED AUTOMOTIVE OIL RECYCLING

AN ACT Relating to oil; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that millions of gallons of used oil are generated each year in this state and that its improper disposal has an adverse effect upon the economy and the environment. Improper disposal of used oil creates leaching problems within landfills, is a significant source of water pollution, has a detrimental impact on the fisheries industry, and contributes toward the overall shortage of energy resources. In light of these harmful consequences and the ease with which used oil can be recycled, the legislature declares that it is the policy of this state to collect and recycle used oil. This recycling will also create a number of new jobs within the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Used oil" means automotive oil which through use, storage, or handling has become unsuitable for its original purpose due to the presence of impurities or the loss of original properties.

(2) "Recycle" means to prepare used oil for reuse as a petroleum product by refining, rerefining, reclaiming, reprocessing, or other means or to use used oil as a substitute for a petroleum product made from new oil, provided that the preparation or use is operationally safe, environmentally sound, and complies with all laws and rules.

(3) "Department" means the department of ecology.

(4) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology.

(5) "Person" means an individual, private or public corporation, partnership, cooperative, association, estate, municipality, political subdivision, or governmental agency or instrumentality.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The director shall conduct a public education program to inform the public of the needs for and benefits of collecting and recycling used oil in order to conserve resources and preserve the environment. As part of this program, the director shall by June 30, 1984:

(1) Adopt rules requiring sellers of more than one hundred gallons of automotive oil annually in containers for use off the premises to post and maintain at or near the point of sale durable and legible signs informing the public of the importance of proper collection and disposal of used oil and how and where used oil may be properly disposed of, including locations and hours of operation of conveniently located collection facilities;

(2) Establish, maintain, and publicize a used oil information center that will explain local, state, and federal laws and rules governing used oil and will inform holders of quantities of used oil on how and where used oil may be properly disposed of;

(3) Establish and maintain a state-wide toll-free telephone number to inform callers of their closest recycling station; and

(4) Encourage the establishment of voluntary used oil collection and recycling programs and provide technical assistance to persons organizing such programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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