

For the purposes of property taxation and the levy of property taxes the boundaries of counties, cities and all other taxing districts shall be the established official boundaries of such districts existing on the first day of March of the year in which the levy is made, and no such levy shall be made for any taxing district whose boundaries were not duly established on the first day of March of such year (~~(; PROVIDED, That for the year 1981 only the boundaries of library districts shall be the established official boundaries existing on the first day of October. PROVIDED FURTHER, That for the year 1984 only, boundaries of public hospital districts shall be the established official boundaries existing on the first day of April))~~). However, the boundaries of a taxing district shall be established on the first day of June of the year in which the property tax levy is made whenever the taxing district has incorporated that year and has boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district, as they existed on the first day of March of that year, or the boundaries of a taxing district have been altered that year by removing or adding territory with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district to the taxing district as they existed on the first day of March of that year. In any case where any instrument setting forth the official boundaries of any newly established taxing district, or setting forth any change in such boundaries, is required by law to be filed in the office of the county auditor or other county official, said instrument shall be filed in triplicate. The officer with whom such instrument is filed shall transmit two copies to the county assessor.

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## CHAPTER 359

[Substitute House Bill No. 773]

### VOTER REGISTRATION VALIDITY INQUIRIES—CORRECTIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

AN ACT Relating to voter registration; and adding new sections to chapter 29.10 RCW.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 29.10 RCW 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. 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 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 information on the permanent registration record no later than the sixtieth 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 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 days after the date of mailing.

(5) The county auditor shall notify the 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. Upon receipt of the voter response, the auditor shall reinstate the voter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29.10 RCW to read as follows:

Any voter whose registration has been canceled under section 1 of this act and who, within a period of four years following the date of the cancellation, either applies for an absentee ballot or presents himself or herself at the polling place and offers to vote shall be permitted to vote a challenged ballot. The ballot shall be separated from other ballots and the final disposition of the challenge shall be determined by the county canvassing board in accordance with RCW 29.10.127. The voter shall be permitted to appear in person before the canvassing board and present testimony and evidence supporting his or her right to vote. If the canvassing board determines that the voter's registration was improperly canceled, the ballot shall be counted and the voter's registration shall be reinstated.

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