

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There are added to chapter 38.12 RCW new sections as set forth in sections 1 through 5 of this 1974 amendatory act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The following acts or parts of acts are each hereby repealed:

- (1) Section 22, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.080;
- (2) Section 24, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.100;
- (3) Section 25, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.110;
- (4) Section 26, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.120;
- (5) Section 27, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.130;
- (6) Section 28, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.140;

and

- (7) Section 32, chapter 130, Laws of 1943 and RCW 38.12.190.

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CHAPTER 35

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2429]

ABSENTEE VOTING

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 37, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.010; amending section 6, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.120; and amending section 8, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.140.

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

Section 1. Section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 37, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Any duly registered voter may vote an absentee ballot for any primary or election in the manner provided in this chapter ((providing that one of the following conditions is applicable:

{1} The voter expects to be absent from his precinct during the polling hours on the day of the primary or election; or

{2} The voter is unable to appear in person at his polling place to cast a ballot because of illness or physical disability; or

{3} The voter, because of his religious tenets, cannot with clear conscience cast his ballot on the day of the primary or election)).

A voter desiring to cast an absentee ballot must apply in writing to his county auditor no earlier than forty-five days nor

later than the day prior to any election or primary: PROVIDED, That an application honored for a primary ballot shall also be honored as an application for a ballot for the following election if the voter so indicates on his application.

Such applications must contain the voter's signature and may be made in person or by mail or messenger(~~r~~ if by mail or messenger, the registrar must honor a written application in any form if it states that the applicant cannot vote in person for any one of the three reasons enumerated in this section): PROVIDED, That no application for an absentee ballot shall be approved unless the voter's signature upon the certificate or application compares favorably with the voter's signature upon his permanent registration record.

Sec. 2. Section 6, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.120 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, or other officer having jurisdiction of the election, may, with regard to any precinct having less than one hundred registered voters at the time of closing of the registration files as provided in RCW 29.07.160, order the voting in said precinct for the next ensuing election, whether a primary election, general election, special election, or any other election, be by ~~((absentee))~~ mail ballot only.

Whenever such officer shall so order, he shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date of such election, mail or deliver to each registered voter within said precinct his notice that voting within said precinct shall be by ~~((absentee))~~ mail voting only. Accompanied with such notice shall be an application form together with a postage prepaid envelope preaddressed to the issuing officer. In order to be honored such application form, properly executed, must reach the issuing officer no later than the day of the election concerned.

The county auditor may continue to honor such application for all subsequent elections held in the same manner as long as the voter concerned remains qualified to vote at such elections.

Sec. 3. Section 8, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever an election is to be held for the organization of a new district, including but not limited to the organization of a water, fire, or sewer district, or for the purpose of addition of territory to an existing city, town, or district and the total number of registered voters qualified to vote at such election is less than ~~((one))~~ five hundred, and the names and addresses of all such voters can be determined not less than fifteen days prior to the election concerned, the county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections,

or other officer having jurisdiction of the election, may order that all voting be done by ((absentee)) mail ballot in the same manner and with like penalties as provided in RCW 29.36.120 and 29.36.130 as now or hereafter amended.

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CHAPTER 36
[Senate Bill No. 3022]
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER—
CERTIFICATE REPLACEMENT FEE

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.12.060, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.12.060; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 46.12.060, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.12.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Before the director shall issue a certificate of ownership, or reissue such a certificate, covering any vehicle, the ((motor)) identification number of which((; in case of a motor vehicle; or the serial number of which; in case of a trailer;)) has been altered, removed, obliterated, defaced, omitted, or is otherwise absent, the registered owner of the vehicle shall file an application with the director, accompanied by a fee of ((one dollar)) five dollars, upon a form provided, and containing such facts and information as shall be required by the director for the assignment of a special number for such vehicle. Upon receipt of such application, the director, if he is satisfied the applicant is entitled to the assignment of ((a motor number)) an identification number, ((or serial number)) shall designate a special ((motor number)) identification number((; or serial number; as the case may be; together with a symbol indicative of this state;)) for such vehicle, which ((symbol followed by such number)) shall be noted upon the application therefor, and likewise upon a suitable record of the authorization of the use thereof, to be kept by and in the office of the director. ((The applicant for such assignment of number shall be; in case of a motor vehicle; promptly notified of the number assigned and the symbol to be prefixed thereto; and such applicant shall thereupon cause such symbol and motor number to be to be pressed or cut in a conspicuous position upon the motor; if the assigned number is a motor number; or frame or other permanent part of the motor vehicle; if the number assigned is