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By House General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, S. Hunt, Tarleton, Stanford, McBride, and Bergquist)

1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing election reconciliation reports; and
2 amending RCW 29A.60.235.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.235 and 2011 c 10 s 62 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The county auditor shall prepare(~~(, make publicly available~~
7 ~~at the auditor's office or on the auditor's web site, and submit)~~) at
8 the time of certification an election reconciliation report that
9 discloses the following information:

- 10 ~~((1))~~ (a) The number of registered voters;
11 ~~((2))~~ (b) The number of ballots issued;
12 ~~((3))~~ (c) The number of ballots received;
13 ~~((4))~~ (d) The number of ballots counted;
14 ~~((5))~~ (e) The number of ballots rejected;
15 ~~((6))~~ (f) The number of provisional ballots issued;
16 ~~((7))~~ (g) The number of provisional ballots received;
17 ~~((8))~~ (h) The number of provisional ballots counted;
18 ~~((9))~~ (i) The number of provisional ballots rejected;
19 ~~((10))~~ (j) The number of federal write-in ballots received;
20 ~~((11))~~ (k) The number of federal write-in ballots counted;
21 ~~((12))~~ (l) The number of federal write-in ballots rejected;

1 ~~((13))~~ (m) The number of overseas and service ballots issued;
2 ~~((14))~~ (n) The number of overseas and service ballots received;
3 ~~((15))~~ (o) The number of overseas and service ballots counted;
4 ~~((16))~~ (p) The number of overseas and service ballots rejected;
5 ~~((17))~~ (q) The number of voters credited with voting; and
6 ~~((18))~~ (r) Any other information the auditor or secretary of
7 state deems necessary to reconcile the number of ballots counted with
8 the number of voters credited with voting.

9 (2) The county auditor must make the report available to the
10 public at the auditor's office and must publish the report on the
11 auditor's web site at the time of certification. The county auditor
12 must submit the report to the secretary of state at the time of
13 certification in any form determined by the secretary of state.

14 (3)(a) The secretary of state must collect the reconciliation
15 reports from each county auditor and prepare a statewide
16 reconciliation report for each state primary and general election.
17 The report may be produced in the form determined by the secretary of
18 state that includes the information as described in this subsection
19 (3). The report must be prepared and published on the secretary of
20 state's web site within two months after the last county's election
21 results have been certified.

22 (b) The state report must include a comparison among counties on
23 rates of votes received, counted, and rejected, including
24 provisional, write-in, and overseas ballots. The comparison
25 information may be in the form of rankings, percentages, or other
26 relevant quantifiable data that can be used to measure performance
27 and trends.

28 (c) The state report also must include an analysis of the data
29 that can be used to develop a better understanding of election
30 administration and policy. The analysis should combine data over
31 multiple years to provide broader comparisons and trends regarding
32 voter registration and turnout and ballot counting. The analysis
33 should also incorporate national election statistics to the extent
34 the information is available.

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