



Jurisdiction Handbook 2026

**Includes Local Voters' Pamphlet and
Voters' Guide Administrative Rules**

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Elections Costs

Cost of Participating in an Election

RCW 29A.04.410
RCW 29A.32.220

Each jurisdiction is responsible for paying its proportionate share of election costs. Island County will bill the jurisdiction directly for these costs, using procedures established by the state and based upon the number of registered voters in each jurisdiction participating in an election.

Election costs vary from one election to the next depending on a variety of factors. However, the number of participating jurisdictions and their respective size is the primary variable. For example, an election shared by 2 jurisdictions will likely cost more per voter than an election shared by 10 jurisdictions.

A specific cost or quote cannot be provided in advance of an election. Estimates will be based on actual costs of similar elections.

If a mandatory recount is required for a race, the cost of the recount is billed to the jurisdiction in question.

If the required appearance in a county's printed voters' pamphlet of the offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undue financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative authority of the unit may petition the Board of County Commissioners to waive this requirement. The Board of County Commissioners may provide such a waiver, if it does so not later than sixty days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the requirement would create such hardship.

Any waiver of costs associated with the local voters' pamphlet applies solely to the pamphlet. All other election costs will be billed to the jurisdiction.

Biennial Questionnaire - MANDATORY

Filing Information – Questionnaire – Compiling and Dissemination

WAC 434-215-005

Prior to February 1st of each odd numbered year, the County Auditor shall send a questionnaire to the administrative authority of each local jurisdiction for which the Auditor is the candidate filing officer.

The purpose of the questionnaire shall be to confirm information which the Auditor must use to properly conduct candidate filings for each office. The questionnaire requests, at a minimum, confirmation of offices to be filled at the general election that year, the name of the incumbent, and the annual salary for the position at the time of the filing period. Responses must be received **prior to March 1st** of that year so that the filing information can be compiled and disseminated to the public prior to the candidate filing period.

It is extremely important that the information provided by the jurisdictions be accurate, as it will determine which offices are subject to election and the amount of the filing fee for each office.

Vacancies and Appointments

Vacancies and Appointments

RCW 42.12

If an elected official resigns, is removed from office, dies, or in some cases, changes their voter registration status, it results in a vacancy of office.

The officer who wishes to resign should submit his or her resignation to the governing board of the district.

When a position is vacant, the remaining members of the board will appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position.

Prior to appointing a new person to a vacancy, the district should contact Island County Elections to verify whether the potential appointees are qualified registered voters in the district.

If the board does not appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy within ninety days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the Board of Island County Commissioners will appoint a qualified person.

The appointed officer will serve until the next election at which a candidate for that jurisdiction is elected, at which time an officer will be elected for the remaining unexpired term.

When a vacancy occurs and an officer is appointed to fill the vacancy, the district must supply the Elections Office with a Certificate of Appointment, and the newly appointed officer must sign an Oath of Office.

This document **must** be filed at the Elections Office.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF ISLAND

The undersigned officers of _____ do
(Commission, Council, or Board Making Appointment)

hereby appoint _____ of _____
(Person Appointed) (Address)

to the office of _____. The term for this position
(Office and Position)

will expire on _____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Signature) (Printed Name, Title)

(Signature) (Printed Name, Title)

(Signature) (Printed Name, Title)

OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF ISLAND

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I
(Person Appointed)

am a citizen of the United States and State of Washington; that I am legally qualified to assume the
office of _____; that I will support the
(Office and Position)

Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Washington; and that I will faithfully and
impartially discharge the duties of this office to the best of my ability.

(Signature) (Printed Name)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Signature) (Printed Name, Title of Swearing Officer)

Filing for Office

Filing for a Nonpartisan Office

RCW 29A.24

Junior taxing district offices are nonpartisan. Officers are elected in the General Election each odd-numbered year.

Because the terms of office for the commissioners are staggered, all officers for a district are not typically elected in the same year. Each district must be aware of which offices are up for election in each odd-numbered year.

Candidate Filing Week begins the first Monday in May and ends on that Friday, in the year in which the office is scheduled to be voted upon. Office hours during Candidate Filing Week shall be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online Candidate Filing will also be available.

To file a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate must be *qualified*. A qualified candidate must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction and in some cases, a registered voter within the commissioner district.

It is **mandatory** that the district notify the Elections Office of any vacancies or appointments. Depending on when the vacancy occurs, it could trigger a special three-day filing period.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to file for office online in order to receive email updates on other filings and information on voter pamphlet submission. Candidates may also file for office in person or by mail.

If three or more candidates file for a nonpartisan office, a primary for that office will be held. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary will continue to the general election.

If only one or two candidates file for a nonpartisan office, no primary is necessary. The candidates who filed will automatically continue to the general election.

No primary election may be held for the office of commissioner of a park and recreation district or for the office of cemetery district commissioner (RCW 29A.52.220).

Filing a Resolution and Ballot Title

Submittal Process for Resolutions

RCW 29A.04.330

Resolutions calling for an election by a jurisdiction shall be submitted on or before the statutory deadline.

Resolutions calling for a special election in February or April must be submitted at least **60 calendar days** prior to the election date.

Resolutions calling for an election to be held in conjunction with the primary election must be submitted no later than the Friday immediately before the first day of regular candidate filing.

Resolutions calling for an election to be held in conjunction with the general election must be submitted no later than the day of the primary election.

How to submit a resolution

To place a measure on the ballot, a signed resolution must be received in the Auditor's Office prior to the deadline.

Island County Auditor's Office/Elections
400 N. Main Street / PO Box 1410
Coupeville, WA 98239

Email: Elections@islandcountywa.gov
Fax: 360-678-2326

A completed Resolution Cover Sheet must accompany any resolution submitted. (example on following page)

Explanatory Statement

RCW 29A.32.040

An Explanatory Statement is mandatory and must accompany each resolution. The statement is prepared by the district's attorney. The Explanatory Statement must be written in clear and concise language, avoiding legal and technical terms when possible. The purpose of the explanatory statement is to explain the proposed measure and the effect if it is approved. The Explanatory Statement shall not exceed 200 words.



Mandatory Resolution Cover Sheet

It is the submitter's responsibility to ensure that documentation is presented no later than the resolution deadline date. Contact person or persons should have the authority and be available to answer questions. Call 360-678-8290 with questions about a resolution or completing this form.

Election Information

Election Date: _____

Type of Measure: _____
(Levy, Bond, Levy Lid Lift, etc.)

Pass/Fail Requirements: _____
(Simple Majority, 60% plus minimum turnout, etc.)

District Information

District Name: _____

District Address: _____

Contact Person 1

Name & Title

Phone & email

Contact Person 2

Name & Title

Phone & email

Attorney Information

Name

Phone & email

Was the ballot measure prepared by your attorney?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you:

Attached a signed copy of the resolution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attached the Explanatory Statement (not to exceed 200 words) for the Local Voters' Pamphlet, prepared by your attorney? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attached the "For" and "Against" Committee Appointment Forms? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Completed this cover sheet? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Auditor's Office Use

Date Stamp

Establishing Committees “For” and “Against” a Local Measure

RCW 29A.32.280

For each measure submitted, the district shall, not later than the resolution deadline, formally appoint a committee to prepare an argument advocating approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare an argument advocating rejection of the measure. Each committee shall have no more than 3 members, however a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons.

Persons appointed to the committees must:

- Be a registered voter in the district proposing the measure;
- Have an email address and the demonstrated ability to communicate rapidly by email;
- Agree to work collaboratively with committee members;
- Agree to abide by specified election timelines

If the legislative authority of the district fails to make such appointments by the statutory deadline, the county auditor shall whenever possible make the appointments.

Ballot Titles for Local Measures

RCW 29A.36.071

For measures submitted to the voters of a city or town, the official ballot title is prepared by the city or town attorney. For measures submitted to the voters of a unit of local government other than a city or town (e.g., a county, fire district or school district), the official ballot title is prepared by the Island County Prosecuting Attorney.

The format and content of local measure ballot titles must conform to statute.

Resolutions submitted by a district that will need a ballot title prepared by the Island County Prosecuting Attorney will be forwarded to that office by the Auditor.

Withdrawal of a Ballot Resolution

If a jurisdiction wishes to withdraw a submitted resolution, a new resolution withdrawing the previously submitted resolution must be submitted. The deadline for withdrawal of a resolution is the same as the deadline to submit a resolution election.

Ballot Title Appeal

RCW 29A.36.090

Any person dissatisfied with the ballot title for a local measure written by the city attorney, town attorney or Prosecuting Attorney may appeal to the Island County Superior Court pursuant to RCW 29A.36.090. The appeal must be filed within ten days (not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).

The decision of the superior court is final.

Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Guidelines

Printed Voters' Pamphlet and Online Voters' Guide

RCW 29A.32.210
RCW 29A.32.260

Island County will produce and distribute a printed voters' pamphlet for every election. The pamphlet shall provide information on all measures and candidates within all jurisdictions involved in the election.

In addition, an online voters' guide will also be available for all elections. It is available on the Island County website at www.islandcountywa.gov or by logging in to www.VoteWA.gov.

For each measure, the pamphlet and guide will include:

- Official ballot title
- Explanatory statement
- "For" and "Against" statements (if submitted)
- Committee contact information

For each candidate (except Precinct Committee Officers), the pamphlet and guide will include:

- Name of Candidate
- Office for which candidate has filed
- Contact information for candidate
- Statement by candidate (if submitted)
- Photograph of candidate (if submitted)

Statements and photographs may be submitted electronically or in paper format. Online submittal is strongly recommended, however submissions may be mailed, delivered by disk, or emailed to: elections@islandcountywa.gov. Provide the name of the candidate or committee on cds or state the committee's name in the subject line for email submissions.

Submissions may be made to:

Island County Auditor - Elections
Local Online Voters' Guide
P.O. Box 1410 / 400 N. Main St.
Coupeville, WA. 98239-1410

Deadline: Candidate Statements must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on the 11th day after the close of Candidate Filing.

Statements for and against ballot measures must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday of the week after the deadline for submitting the resolutions.

Candidate Statements

RCW 29A.32.230

Candidates who file online will receive an email with instructions on how to upload your statement and photograph (except Precinct Committee Officers).

Candidate statements are limited to 200 words or less.

Candidates are responsible for observing this limit. If the statement exceeds 200 words, all of the material in excess of the word limit will be omitted. If the deletion creates an incomplete sentence, the entire sentence will be omitted. To ensure fairness to all candidates, there are NO exceptions.

The following guidelines apply to all statements:

- The candidate's name, address, phone number, email address and campaign website address, if included, shall appear at the top of the statement. This information is not part of the word count.
- Statements by a candidate must be limited to statements about himself or herself. The County Auditor is required to reject any statement that is libelous or otherwise inappropriate.
- Statements may not solicit contributions or be commercial in nature.
- Use paragraph style. Lists of items that require multiple indentations may be reformatted by the Auditor due to space limitations.
- Words, phrases, and sentences that are italicized, underlined, capitalized or emphasized in some other manner will be typeset in *italic*. Use a single font style.
- Hyphenated words count as two words, e.g. "user-friendly."
- Numbers count as one word, e.g. "4,000,000" or "4 million."
- "Word/word" count as two words, e.g. "public/private."
- Submissions on paper should be typed, double spaced, on white, 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. Submissions by electronic media should be written in Microsoft Word or in the body of an email.

Photographs:

Candidates may submit photographs in paper or electronic form to be included with their statements. For all photographs:

- Photographs must be of candidate only
- Photographs cannot be more than five years old.
- Clothing, uniform or insignia suggestive of holding public office are prohibited.
- Photograph must be head and shoulders only.
- Photograph may not contain any other graphics.
- Photograph may not include hats, buttons or clothing showing words, insignia or symbols other than an American Flag.

- Paper photographs should be glossy prints, color or black and white, not smaller than 3 x 5 inches or larger than 5 x 7 inches. Digital photographs must be either .tiff or .jpg format.

Editing of Statements: Candidates are strongly encouraged to upload their own statements and photographs directly to the online portal. The Auditor's Office makes no corrections to statements and assumes no responsibility for errors and/or inaccuracies in the original statement submitted directly by the candidate.

Unacceptable Statements: If any portion of a candidate's statement is rejected, only the rejected portion may be re-written and re-submitted for inclusion in the statement.

Candidates will be notified in writing if their statement or any portion thereof contains what the Auditor believes are libelous statements or otherwise inappropriate material. Candidates will have until the day following the Auditor's notice to either (1) appeal that determination citing reasons why the candidate believes that the statement is not libelous or otherwise inappropriate, or (2) resubmit a re-written statement for the portion found objectionable.

Viewing of Statements: Statements become a public record when received and are available upon request at that time from our office. Candidates should understand anything they submit may appear or be referenced in a publication other than the printed voters' pamphlet or online voters' Guide.

Ballot Measure Statements

RCW 29A.32.241

Deadline for Submission of Statements: "For" and "Against" statements must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday of the week after the deadline for submitting ballot measures.

Ballot measures for districts included in the printed voters' pamphlet and online voters' guide shall consist of:

- the official ballot title of the measure;
- a neutrally-worded explanatory statement written by the district's attorney; and
- statements of advocacy committees for and against approval.

Explanatory Statement of District's Attorney: The attorney for the district submitting a ballot measure shall prepare and submit to the Auditor a statement for inclusion in the printed local voters' pamphlet and the online voters' guide. The statement shall be a

neutrally-worded statement written by the district's attorney explaining the law regarding the ballot measure as it currently exists; and a neutrally-worded statement describing the effect that the ballot measure will have if it passes. The explanatory statement shall be prepared in clear and concise language and avoid the use of legal and other technical terms insofar as possible.

Statements of Advocacy Committees: Ballot measure advocacy statements will be limited to 200 words or fewer. Committees are responsible for observing this limit. If the statement exceeds 200 words, all of the material in excess of the word limit will be omitted. If such a deletion creates an incomplete sentence, the entire sentence will be omitted. There is NO exception to this.

The following guidelines will apply to all statements:

- The advocacy committee's name and the contact person's name, address, and phone number must appear at the top of the statement. (This is not part of the word count.)
- Use paragraph style. Lists of items that require multiple indentations may be reformatted by the Auditor due to space limitations.
- Words, phrases, and sentences that are italicized, underlined, capitalized or emphasized in some other manner will be typeset in italic. We recommend that committees avoid such exaggerations as they will reduce the readability of the statement.
- Hyphenated words will count as two words, e.g. "user-friendly."
- Numbers will count as one word, e.g. "4,000,000" or "4 million."
- "Word/word" will count as two words, e.g. "public/private."

Submissions on paper should be typed, double spaced, on white, 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. Submissions by electronic media should be composed in Microsoft Word or in the body of an email.

Content: The County Auditor is required to reject any statement that is libelous or otherwise inappropriate.

Unacceptable Statements: If any portion of the committee's statement is rejected, only that rejected portion may be re-written and submitted for inclusion in the statement.

Committees will be notified in writing no later than the Monday following the deadline for submission of advocacy committee statements if their statement, or any portion thereof, contains what the Auditor believes are libelous statements or otherwise inappropriate material. Committees will have until the day following the Auditor's notice to either (1) appeal that determination citing reasons why the committee believes that the statement is not libelous or otherwise inappropriate, or (2) resubmit a re-written portion of their statement. The Auditor will make a final determination.

Viewing of Statements

Statements become a public record when received and are available upon request at that time from our office. Candidates and committees should understand that anything they submit may appear or be referenced in a publication other than the local voters' pamphlet or online voters' guide.

Obtaining a Copy of the Ballot Title or Explanatory Statement

RCW 29A.36.080

Ballot titles and explanatory statements are included in the printed voters' pamphlet and posted on our website in the online voters' guide. Requests for copies of ballot titles and explanatory statements must be made for a specific election and a specific issue.

Advocacy Committees "For" and "Against" a Local Measure

RCW 29A.32.280

For each measure, the legislative authority of the jurisdiction shall formally appoint committees "For" and "Against" the measure.

Each committee shall consist of not more than three members. If such persons are not immediately known, the jurisdiction is encouraged to employ some formal means of notifying the public that members of the "For" and "Against" committees are being sought.

The jurisdiction is responsible for providing committee members with copies of instructions, specifications, and deadlines for all statements. The committees are solely responsible for submitting their statements to the Elections Division in accordance with the timeline for that election.

Persons appointed to the committees must:

- Be a registered voter in the district proposing the measure;
- Have an email address and the demonstrated ability to communicate rapidly by email;
- Agree to work collaboratively with committee members;
- Agree to abide by specified election timelines

Appointments by the Auditor

If a jurisdiction fails to appoint “For” and “Against” committees by the deadline established by the jurisdiction or the Auditor’s submittal deadline (whichever comes first), the Auditor’s Office will seek out and, whenever possible, appoint up to three members to each committee.

If the jurisdiction has appointed at least one member to a committee, the Auditor will not seek out or appoint additional members.

In the event a jurisdiction does not submit a pro and/or a con committee for a ballot measure, the County Auditor’s Office will make a good faith effort to identify interested individuals and appoint them to a committee.

The Auditor’s Office, in its sole discretion, may seek to fill vacant committee appointments through press releases, notices on the Election Division’s website and any other means necessary. The criteria used by the Auditor for filling the committee positions will be the same requirements as those used by the district.

General Provisions Applicable to All Statements

The contents of candidate statements, explanatory statements, and “For” or “Against” statements are the sole responsibility of the authors and do not represent the position of the Auditor’s Office or Island County regarding the measure or of any material contained therein; nor are the Auditor’s Office or Island County responsible for the validity or accuracy of the statements.

Statements should be edited and prepared carefully. Spelling, grammar and punctuation errors will not be corrected. Statement content will be printed exactly as received, as long as it complies with format specifications.

Microsoft Word will be used to verify word counts. Each part of a hyphenated word will be counted as a separate word. (Example: “Around-the-corner” = 3 words)

Be sure the campaign contact email, web address, or phone number to be included in the Online Voters’ Guide is accurate and functional when submitted.

Once statements have been submitted by email and a confirmation reply has been sent, statements are considered final.

Materials submitted for publication in the Online Voters' Guide may be rejected if:

- It is obscene
- It is libelous
- It contains a commercial advertisement
- It contains matter not limited to the candidate or to the measure or political office
- It contains matter that is otherwise inappropriate or that does not comply with applicable law
- It contains a solicitation of funds
- It is commercial in nature

Bond and Levy Validation

Bond and Levy Validation

WA State Constitution,
Article VII, Section 2

Districts may place bond and levy issues in any regularly scheduled election. Each ballot measure may have different requirements for passage.

County Auditors and districts with taxing authority (including counties, cities and towns) have different roles and responsibilities.

Definitions

- **Bonds** - Bonds are issued to fund the capital expenses of a district. Bonds, similar to securing a loan, use additional property taxes for payment over a specified length of time.
- **Excess Levy**. A levy of additional taxes by any type of taxing district. The amount is over and above the total tax allowed by statute. (RCW 84.52.052)
- **Levy Lid or Levy Lid Lift**. A tax increase that does not exceed the total tax allowed by statute. (RCW 84.55.050)
- **Measure**. Any proposition or question submitted to voters. (RCW 29A.04.091)
- **Simple Majority or Majority**. Minimum of 50% plus one vote of the total votes cast.
- **Super Majority**. Minimum of 60% plus one vote of the total votes cast.
- **Validation**. The minimum number of voters required to "turn out" (cast a valid ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

County Auditor Responsibilities

Provide voter turnout numbers for all districts.

The Auditor must provide the number of voters who participated in the general election for each taxing district in their county.

Accept resolutions from districts.

Districts must submit a resolution to place a levy or bond into an election. The resolution must arrive in the Auditor's Office by the statutory deadline. (RCW 29A.04.330)

- February or April Special Election = 60 days prior to Election
- Primary Election = Friday immediately prior to Candidate Filing Week
- General Election = Day of the Primary

Request a ballot title from the County Prosecuting Attorney.

When a resolution comes from a district, a ballot title must be written. City and town ballot titles are created by the city attorney. For all other districts, the County Prosecuting Attorney is responsible for the ballot title. (RCW 29A.36.071)

Send a copy of the ballot title to the district.

Even if the County Prosecuting Attorney accepts the ballot title as submitted in the resolution, the County Auditor must send a copy of the approved ballot title to the district. This receipt of a ballot title from the County Prosecuting Attorney or city attorney triggers the 10-day period in which a district may challenge a ballot title. (RCW 29A.36.080 and 29A.36.090)

Place the measure on the ballot upon receipt of the ballot title.

Using the ballot title provided, follow procedures for conducting the election.

Certify election results.

The County Auditor is responsible for certifying the election results.

The County Auditor does not determine if a particular measure has met the legal requirements for passage—that is the responsibility of the district.

Notify districts.

Provide districts with certified election results.

District Responsibilities**Submit timely resolutions for measures.**

Districts must submit resolutions to the County Auditor by the statutory deadline. State law determines the deadline for resolutions; exceptions must not be granted. Resolutions calling for a special election may be submitted electronically. (WAC 434-208-060)

Determine the requirements for passage of measures.

The district determines the requirements for passage of a bond or levy measure.

Determine if the measure meets passage requirements upon receipt of certified election results.

When election results are certified, the district determines if the results meet passage requirements. The district should notify the County Treasurer and County Assessor of the passage of bonds and levies to ensure accurate collection of taxes.

Answer constituent and media questions about the passage of measures.

The County Auditor is not an expert in bond and levy law and should not answer questions regarding the passage of a measure.

All inquiries will be referred to the taxing district.

Validation Numbers

Number of Voters, by district, who participated in the November, 2025 General Election

Countywide	26,869
Sno-Isle Library District	26,869
Town of Coupeville.....	772
City of Langley	718
City of Oak Harbor.....	3,391
N. Whidbey Pool, Park & Recreation District	7,182
S. Whidbey Park & Recreation District.....	8,844
Fire District No. 1 – Camano Island	6,503
N. Whidbey Fire & Rescue.....	4,462
Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue	3,669
S. Whidbey Fire EMS	8,844
Oak Harbor School District #201	7,171
Coupeville School District #204.....	4,351
S. Whidbey School District #206	8,844
Stanwood-Camano School District #401.....	Snohomish County
Public Utility District No. 1	Snohomish County
Public Hospital District No. 1.....	20,366
Cemetery District One.....	7,182
Cemetery District Two.....	4,340
Port of Coupeville.....	4,351
Port of Mabana	1,093
Port of S. Whidbey	8,844
Admirals Cove Water District	262
Bayview Beach Water District	407
Camano Vista Water District	90
Clinton Water District.....	659
Crockett Lake Water District	105
Freeland Water & Sewer District	463
Juniper Beach Water District.....	58
Lagoon Point Water District	233
Lakeview Terrace Water District	80
Ledgewood Beach Water District.....	112
Long Beach Water District.....	11
N. Whidbey Water District	8
Penn Cove Water & Sewer District	238
Rhodena Beach Water District	49
Saratoga Water District.....	161
Scatchet Head Water District.....	232
Swantown Water District	68
Holmes Harbor Sewer District.....	453
Main Street Sewer District	30
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Election and Voter Registration Data

Island County Voter Data

RCW 42.56.423

Voter Records, Matchbacks and Reports

All requests for records and reports generated by the statewide voter registration database must be submitted to and fulfilled by the Secretary of State.

This includes all voter information (voter lists, matchback files, voting history information, etc.).

To contact the Secretary of State's Office, call 360-704-5220 or email publicrecords@sos.wa.gov.

Information regarding Elections Data and Research may be found at the Secretary of State's website at: www.sos.wa.gov/elections.

Restricted Use of Voter Data

RCW 29A.08.740

State law establishes rules and restrictions on the use of registered voter data. Voter information may not be used for commercial or other non-political purposes.

RCW 29A.08.740 states: "Any person who uses registered voter data for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value is guilty of a class C felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and is liable to each person provided such advertisement or solicitation, without the person's consent, for the nuisance value of such person having to dispose of it, which value is herein established at five dollars for each item mailed or delivered to the person's residence."

How to Get Election Results

Election Results

RCW 29A.60.160

Election results are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on election night at the Island County Elections Office. Results are also available online.

400 N. Main Street
Coupeville, WA 98239

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/569/Election-Results>

After Election Day

Elections Division staff will continue to verify, open, count and update results until certification, provided there are 500 or more ballots to be processed. The public may observe ballot processing at the Elections Office at any time.

Past Election Results

Election results for past elections are available under the Past Election Results link on the Elections website at

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/564/Past-Election-Results>

Election Dates

Dates available for elections

Special Election Dates
 Second Tuesday in February
 Fourth Tuesday in April
Primary Election
 First Tuesday in August
General Election
 First Tuesday after the first Monday in November

2026 Election Calendar and Deadlines

February 10, 2026 – Special Election

December 12, 2025	Resolutions and Explanatory Statements due to Auditor Pro and Con Committee assignments due to Auditor
December 19, 2025	Pro and Con voter pamphlet statements due to Auditor
January 11, 2026	Deadline to mail Military and Overseas ballots
January 23, 2026	Deadline to mail Standard ballots
February 2, 2026	Deadline to receive registrations and voter updates online and by mail
February 12, 2026	Random check of ballot counting equipment
February 20, 2026	County certifies final results

April 28, 2026 – Special Election

February 27, 2026	Resolutions and Explanatory Statements due to Auditor Pro and Con Committee assignments due to Auditor
March 6, 2026	Pro and Con voter pamphlet statements due to Auditor
March 29, 2026	Deadline to mail Military and Overseas ballots
April 10, 2026	Deadline to mail Standard ballots
April 28, 2026	Deadline to receive registrations and voter updates online and by mail
April 30, 2026	Random check of ballot counting equipment
May 8, 2026	County certifies final results

May 4-8, 2026 – Candidate Filing Week

April 20, 2026	First day filing may be received by postal mail
May 4-8, 2026	Candidates file for office
May 11, 2026	Candidate withdrawal deadline
May 12, 2026	Secretary of State certifies list of candidates to counties
May 19, 2026	Candidate statements and photographs for voters pamphlet due

August 4, 2026 – Primary Election

May 1, 2026	Resolutions and Explanatory Statements due to Auditor Pro and Con Committee assignments due to Auditor
May 8, 2026	Pro and Con voter pamphlet statements due to Auditor
June 20, 2026	Deadline to mail Military and Overseas ballots
July 17, 2026	Deadline to mail Standard ballots
July 27, 2026	Deadline to receive registrations and voter updates online and by mail
August 6, 2026	Random check of ballot counting equipment
August 18, 2026	County certifies final results
August 21, 2026	Secretary of State certifies statewide results

November 3, 2026 – General Election

August 4, 2026	Resolutions and Explanatory Statements due to Auditor Pro and Con Committee assignments due to Auditor
August 14, 2026	Pro and Con voter pamphlet statements due to Auditor
September 19, 2026	Deadline to mail Military and Overseas ballots
October 16, 2026	Deadline to mail Standard ballots
October 26, 2026	Deadline to receive registrations and voter updates online and by mail
November 5, 2026	Random check of ballot counting equipment
November 24, 2026	County certifies final results
December 3, 2026	Secretary of State certifies statewide results

For additional calendar items, visit at: <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/423/Elections-Voter-Registration>

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