

# 2014 Election Information Guide

Election and Filing Information for Jurisdictions and Candidates



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The 2014 Election Information Guide is designed to provide election and filing information for the benefit of jurisdictions and candidates running for public office. The guide is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state or federal laws. Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and local code notations are offered as reference for additional research. The information in this guide will be updated throughout the year and the date of last revision will be noted on the cover. Please contact the Snohomish County Auditor's Office – Elections Division at (425) 388-3444 if you need additional information or have questions.

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# Key Election Dates

## August 5 Primary

### Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register by mail/online	July 7	(RCW 29A.08.140)
Last day to update any registration	July 7	(RCW 29A.08.140)
Last day to register in office	July 28	(RCW 29A.08.140)

### Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	June 20	(RCW 29A.40.070)
Accessible voting begins in office	July 16	(RCW 29A.40.160)
All other ballots mailed	July 17	(RCW 29A.40.070)

### Candidate/Campaign

Filing for office by mail	April 28 - May 16	(RCW 29A.24.081)
Filing for office online or in person	May 12 - 16	(RCW 29A.24.040, 050)
Candidate withdrawal period	May 12 - 19	(RCW 29A.24.131)
Lot drawing for all candidates	May 16, 5:01pm	(RCW 29A.36.131)
Filing as a write-in candidate	May 19 - July 18	(RCW 29A.24.311)
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	May 30, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Voters' pamphlet mailed	July 16	(LVP admin rules)

### District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	May 9, 5pm	(RCW 29A.04.321)
Explanatory statement due	May 9, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con committee appointments due	May 9, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con statements due	May 23, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	May 28, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)

### Primary Day

August 5	(RCW 29A.04.311)
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### Certification of Election Results

County Certification	August 19	(RCW 29A.60.190)
State Certification	August 22	(RCW 29A.60.240)

# Key Election Dates

## November 4 General Election

### Voter Registration Deadline

Last day to register by mail/online	October 6	(RCW 29A.08.140)
Last day to update any registration	October 6	(RCW 29A.08.140)
Last day to register in office	October 27	(RCW 29A.08.140)

### Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	September 19	(RCW 29A.40.070)
Accessible voting begins in office	October 15	(RCW 29A.40.160)
All other ballots mailed	October 16	(RCW 29A.40.070)

### Candidate/Campaign

Filing as a write-in candidate	May 19 - October 17	(RCW 29A.24.311)
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	August 13, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Voters' pamphlet mailed	October 15	(LVP admin rules)

### District Ballot Measures

Resolutions/measures due	August 5, 5pm	(RCW 29A.04.321)
Explanatory statements due	August 5, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con committee appointments due	August 5, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con statements due	August 19, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)
Pro/Con rebuttal statements due	August 22, 5pm	(LVP admin rules)

### General Election Day

November 4	(RCW 29A.04.321)
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### Certification of Election Results

County Certification	November 25	(RCW 29A.60.190)
State Certification	December 4	(RCW 29A.60.250)

## 2015 Election & Ballot Measure Due Date

(RCW 29A.04.311, 321)

<u>Election Date</u>	<u>Ballot Measure due by</u>
February 10, 2015	December 26, 2014
April 28, 2015	March 13, 2015
August 4, 2015	May 8, 2015
November 3, 2015	August 4, 2015

# Section 1

# Candidate Filing and Campaign Information

# Filing for Office

## Declaration of Candidacy

(RCW 29A.24.060, 29A.24.075)

In order to run for elected office in 2014, a person must file a Declaration of Candidacy online, by mail or in-person.

A person filing a Declaration of Candidacy for an office shall, at the time of filing, possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who may be elected to the office. The candidate must be properly registered to vote in the district and/or division represented by the office at the time of filing.

At the time of filing, a candidate's voter registration data is reviewed. If there are discrepancies, corrections to the voter registration file must be completed before the declaration of candidacy can be accepted. When filing for an office, candidates are not permitted to use a nickname that denotes present or past occupation, military rank, the candidate's position on issues or political affiliation, or use a nickname designed to intentionally mislead voters. The candidate's last name on the ballot must match the last name under which he/she is registered to vote.

A filing fee equal to 1% of the salary of the position a person is filing for is required. If there is no salary, then there is no fee to file. No refunds will be given. (RCW 29A.24.091, 131) For indigent filing requirements and procedures see RCW 29A.24.091, 101, 111, 29A.84.261.

Each candidate for a partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that they are nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Each candidate will retain their party preference from the Primary to the General Election.

## Where to File Declarations of Candidacy

(RCW 29A.24.070)

www.snoco.org to file online or in-person at:  
Snohomish County Auditor's Office  
3000 Rockefeller Ave  
1st floor, Admin West Building  
Everett, WA 98201

Exceptions:

Congressional Districts, Legislative Districts 1, 10, 32, 39, State Supreme Court file with the Office of the Secretary of State. Northeast Electoral Court Judges file with King County Elections.

## Mail-in Declarations of Candidacy

(RCW 29A.24.081)

Any candidate may mail in a declaration of candidacy starting with the 10th business day before the first day of filing. Any declaration received prior to that day will be returned and the candidate shall be permitted to re-submit their declaration during the filing period. All Mail-in Declarations must include the filing fee if applicable.

## Declared Write-in Candidates

(RCW 29A.24.311)

Declared write-in candidates will be charged a filing fee, if applicable, and will be required to file a declaration of candidacy not later than 18 days before a primary or election.

Votes for write-in candidates are tabulated and reported as a combined number for each race. The votes for individual write-in candidates are only identified and reported if the total number of write-in votes cast is enough to make a difference in the outcome of the race.

# The Primary

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. This allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each office regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary qualify for the General Election.

A Primary is required if more than two candidates file for the same position or if the office is a partisan office.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast in that race to advance to the General Election.

Candidates for Precinct Committee Officer will only appear on the Primary ballot and only if there are two or more candidates for that race and party.

## Order of Names on the Ballot

The order of races on a ballot is established by state law and local rule.

Order of candidate names within a race is determined by lot draw for all primaries.

Order of candidate names on the General Election ballot is determined by the votes received in the Primary. (RCW 29A.36.170)

If there is no Primary, order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by lot draw. (RCW 29A.36.131)

## Major Political Party Information

### **Democratic Party Headquarters**

Party Chair - Richard Wright  
www.snocodems.org  
(425) 252-2305

### **Republican Party Headquarters**

Party Chair - Billye Brooks-Sebastiani  
www.snocogop.com  
(360) 653-1100

# Candidate Qualifications

## Congressional Offices

U.S Representative: A candidate must be at least 25 years old, a citizen of the United States for the past seven years, and a resident of the state which he/she represents.

Congressional offices are partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

## State Legislature

A candidate for State senator or representative must be a citizen of the United States and a registered voter in the district they are filing for.

Legislative offices are partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

## Snohomish County

### County Executive

A candidate must be a registered voter in and a resident of Snohomish County for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing and a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 upon the date set for this election. (SCC 4.30)

County Executive is a partisan position. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

Term Limits: Elected officials may serve no more than three consecutive full terms (12 years) in a Snohomish County office (exceptions - Prosecuting Attorney and Superior/District Court Judges).

### County Prosecuting Attorney

A candidate must be a registered voter of the county and be admitted as an attorney and counselor of the courts of this state.

County Prosecuting Attorney is a partisan position. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference when filing for office. Political party preference will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name.

## Snohomish County (continued)

### Other County Elected Officials

A candidate must be registered in and a resident of Snohomish County for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing and a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 upon the date set for this election. (SCC 4.30)

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Term Limits: Elected officials may serve no more than three consecutive full terms (12 years) in a Snohomish County office (exceptions - Prosecuting Attorney and Superior/District Court Judges).

## State Supreme Court

A candidate must be a registered voter and have been admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State or of the territory of Washington.

The office will appear on both the Primary and General Election ballot irrespective of the number of candidates filed. On the Primary ballot, candidate order is determined by lot draw.

If any candidate receives a majority of votes in the Primary, his/her name appears alone and unopposed on the General Election ballot. If no candidate receives a majority of votes in the Primary, then the top two candidates will appear on the General Election ballot in the order of most votes received. (RCW 29A.36.170)

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

## Court of Appeals

A candidate must be a registered voter and have been admitted to the practice of law in the courts of Washington State not less than five years prior to taking office and have been a resident for not less than one year at the time of appointment or initial election in the district for which this position was created.

The office will appear on both the Primary and General Election ballot irrespective of the number of candidates filed. On the Primary ballot, candidate order is determined by lot draw.

If any candidate receives a majority of votes in the Primary, his/her name appears alone and unopposed on the General Election ballot. If no candidate receives a majority of votes in the Primary, then the top two candidates will appear on the General Election ballot in the order of most votes received. (RCW 29A.36.170)

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.



# Candidate Qualifications

## Cities and Towns

A candidate must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing and a resident of the city at least one year preceding election.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

## District Court

A candidate must be a registered voter of the district court and either be a lawyer admitted to practice law in the State of Washington or a person who has been elected and has served as a justice of the peace, district court judge, municipal judge or police judge in Washington.

The office will appear on the Primary ballot only if more than two candidates file for the position. On the Primary ballot, candidate order is determined by lot draw.

In the General Election the top two vote getters appear in order of most votes received. If there is no Primary for that office the candidates will appear in lot draw order.

## Public Utility District

A candidate must be a registered voter that resides in the Commissioner District for which they are filing.

A Primary will only be triggered if more than 2 candidates file. If a Primary is triggered, only voters within the Commissioner District are allowed to vote for a candidate. In the General Election all voters within the entire PUD District will be allowed to vote.

## Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)

A candidate must be a member of a major political party and a registered voter in the precinct for which they are filing.

This office appears in the Primary only. A race will only appear if two or more candidates from the same party file in a precinct. The names will appear in lot draw order.

Each precinct is eligible to elect a Democratic and a Republican PCO, however voters may vote for one candidate only.

## When Elected Officials Assume Office

US Congress	January 3, 2015	(US 20th Amendment)
State Legislative Office	January 12, 2015	(RCW 44.04.021)
Snohomish County Offices	January 1, 2015	(RCW 29A.60.280)
State Supreme Court	January 12, 2015	(RCW 2.04.071)
State Court of Appeals	January 12, 2015	(RCW 2.04.071)
Public Utility District Office	January 1, 2015	(RCW 29A.60.280)
City/Town/Taxing Districts	January 1, 2015	(RCW 29A.60.280)
County District Court	January 12, 2015	(RCW 3.34.070)
Precinct Committee Officer	December 1, 2014	(RCW 29A.80.051)

# Candidate Filing Calendar

Filing for office by mail	April 28 - May 16	(RCW 29A.24.081)
Filing for office online or in person	May 12 - 16	(RCW 29A.24.040, 050)
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Filing as a write-in candidate for the General	May 19 - October 17	(RCW 29A.24.311)

## Offices Up for Election

	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
<b>US Congressional</b>					
Representative District 1	Suzan DelBene	D	2 Year	\$1,740.00	Sec. of State
Representative District 2	Rick Larsen	D	2 Year	\$1,740.00	Sec. of State
Representative District 7	Jim McDermott	D	2 Year	\$1,740.00	Sec. of State
<b>1st Legislative District</b>					
Representative Position 1	Derek Stanford	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
Representative Position 2	Luis Moscoso	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
<b>10th Legislative District</b>					
Representative Position 1	Norma Smith	R	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
Representative Position 2	Dave Hayes	R	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
<b>21st Legislative District</b>					
Senator	Marko Liias	D	Short & 4 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 1	Mary Helen Roberts	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 2	Lillian Ortiz-Self	D	Short & 2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
<b>32nd Legislative District</b>					
Senator	Maralyn Chase	D	4 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
Representative Position 1	Cindy Ryu	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
Representative Position 2	Ruth Kagi	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State

# Offices Up for Election

	Incumbent	Party	Term	Filing fee	File with
<b>38th Legislative District</b>					
Senator	John McCoy	D	Short & 4 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 1	June Robinson	D	Short & 2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 2	Mike Sells	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
<b>39th Legislative District</b>					
Representative Position 1	Dan Kristiansen	R	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
Representative Position 2	Elizabeth Scott	R	2 Year	\$421.06	Sec. of State
<b>44th Legislative District</b>					
Senator	Steve Hobbs	D	4 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 1	Hans Dunshee	D	2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
Representative Position 2	Mike Hope	R	2 Year	\$421.06	Snohomish Co.
<b>Snohomish County Offices</b>					
County Executive	John Lovick	D	1 Year Unexp	\$1,515.45	Snohomish Co.
County Prosecuting Attorney	Mark Roe	D	4 Year	\$1,518.09	Snohomish Co.
County Sheriff	Ty Trenary	NP	1 Year Unexp	\$1,247.21	Snohomish Co.
<b>State Supreme Court</b>					
Justice Position 1	Mary Yu	NP	2 Year Unexp	\$1,675.05	Sec. of State
Justice Position 3	Mary Fairhurst	NP	6 Year	\$1,675.05	Sec. of State
Justice Position 4	Charles W. Johnson	NP	6 Year	\$1,675.05	Sec. of State
Justice Position 7	Debra Stephens	NP	6 Year	\$1,675.05	Sec. of State
<b>Appeals Court</b>					
District 2 Division 1 Position 2	J. Robert Leach	NP	6 Year	\$1,594.55	Snohomish Co.
<b>Cascade District Court</b>					
Judge Position 1	Jay F. Wisman	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
<b>Everett District Court</b>					
Judge Position 1	Roger Fisher	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
Judge Position 2	Tam Bui	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.

# Offices Up for Election

	<b>Incument</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Filing fee</b>	<b>File at</b>
<b>Evergreen District Court</b>					
Judge Position 1	Steven M. Clough	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
Judge Position 2	Patricia Lyon	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
<b>South District Court</b>					
Judge Position 1	Beth A. Fraser	NP	Short & 4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
Judge Position 2	Jeffrey Goodwin	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
Judge Position 3	Carol A. McRae	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	Snohomish Co.
<b>Northeast Electoral District Court</b>					
Judge Position 1	Janet Garrow	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 2	Frank LaSalata	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 3	Linda Jacke	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 4	Peter L. Nault	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 5	David A. Steiner	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 6	Michael Finkle	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
Judge Position 7	Donna Tucker	NP	4 Year	\$1,445.44	King Co.
<b>PUD District 1</b>					
Commissioner District 1	Dave Aldrich	NP	6 Year	\$274.20	Snohomish Co.
<b>City of Everett</b>					
Council Position 7	Richard Anderson	NP	1 Year Unexp	\$269.64	Snohomish Co.
<b>Precinct Committee Officers</b>					
PCO for Democratic Party	all precincts		2 Year	no fee	Snohomish Co.
PCO for Republican Party	all precincts		2 Year	no fee	Snohomish Co.

# Local Voters' Pamphlet for Candidates

Snohomish County publishes a local voters' pamphlet featuring candidates and issues for Primaries and General Elections. Each candidate is encouraged to submit a biography, statement and photo for the local voters' pamphlet.

All candidate biographies, statements and photos must be submitted electronically.

The combined total word count for the biographical information and the statement may not exceed 200 words. Italicized print is permissible. Errors in spelling or grammar will not be corrected by the Auditor's Office. If the combined total word count for the submitted biographical information and the statement is more than 200 words, the Auditor will attempt to notify the candidate and/or their representative in order to edit the text. The decision of the Auditor to edit shall be final.

A courtesy proof of the statement and photo is emailed to the candidate prior to publication.

Statements may be rejected if the submitted statement contains obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language. If the statement is rejected, an appeal process is outlined in the Snohomish County Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules available in the Auditor's Office.

Candidate photographs must have been taken within the last 5 years and may not include any uniform, judicial robes, hats or brand insignias.

The Elections Division will be contacting candidates with more information at the time of filing.

For more information regarding local voters' pamphlet due dates and procedures, please contact the Elections Division at (425) 388-3444.

## Local Voters' Pamphlet Deadlines

### Primary - August 5, 2014

Candidate statements due                      May 30, 2014, 5pm

### General Election - November 4, 2014

Candidate statements due                      August 13, 2014, 5pm

# PDC Reporting Requirements for Candidates

## Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way, Room 403  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

(877) 601-2828  
pdc@pdc.wa.gov  
www.pdc.wa.gov

Candidates must file Public Disclosure Commissioner (PDC) reports within two weeks of a formal declaration of candidacy or organization of campaign committee. The PDC is responsible for ensuring all candidates and campaigns comply with campaign finance laws. The type of district and the amount of campaign monies collected determines the type and extent of a campaign's PDC reporting requirements.

Visit the PDC's website or contact them at (877) 601-2828 for information specific to a district or race. All Public Disclosure forms are available online at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

	Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Form)	Campaign Disclosure Reports ("C" Forms)
<b>U.S. Representative</b>	Federal Reports only	Federal Reports only
<b>State Senator or Representative</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>County Offices:</b>		
County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney	Yes	Yes
Sheriff		
<b>Justice or Judge:</b>		
Supreme Court	Yes	Yes
Court of Appeals	Yes	Yes
District Court	Yes	Yes
<b>Districts:</b>		
City of Everett, Public Utility District	Yes	Yes
<b>Precinct Committee Officers:</b>		
All precincts, both Dem and Rep	No	No
<b>Political Committees:</b>		
Proponents and opponents of a ballot measure in a jurisdiction having 1,000 or more registered voters*	No	Yes

\* Number of registered voters as of the preceding General Election

# Public Disclosure Requirements for County Office Campaigns

Candidates running for a county office must also file Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) reports within two weeks of formal declaration or organization with the county. The PDC is responsible for ensuring all candidates and campaigns comply with campaign finance laws. The amount of campaign monies collected determines the type and extent of a campaign's PDC reporting requirements. Visit the PDC's website or contact them at (877) 601-2828 for specific information regarding county office campaigns.

Campaigns for county government offices are in large part conducted subject to the same rules applicable to campaigns conducted under state laws.

Any county elected official or candidate for a county office shall also file copies of any state Public Disclosure Commission forms C1 through C7 filed by him/her or in his/her behalf with the Recording Division of the County Auditor's Office. Such reports are due at the County Auditor's Office on the same day that they are due at the Public Disclosure Commission. (Snohomish County Code 2.50)

Public Disclosure Commission documents that are filed with the county are filed under the candidate's name and can be reviewed in the Public Records area of the Snohomish County Customer Service Center, 1st floor, Robert J. Drewel Building or online through the Snohomish County Auditor's Office, Recording Division ([www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org)).

## **Public Disclosure Commission**

711 Capitol Way, Room 403  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

(877) 601-2828  
[pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)  
[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

## **Snohomish County Auditor**

Recording Division  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 204  
Everett, WA 98201

(425) 388-3483

## **Campaign Contribution Limits**

The most current Washington Administrative Code (WAC) on campaign contributions (WAC 390-05-400) establishes:

Individual contribution limit - \$950 per election

Union & corporation contribution limit - \$950 per election

Political Action Committees registered with the PDC contribution limit - \$1,900 per election

# Political Sign Regulations

## State Regulations

The Department of Transportation and the Attorney General have provided the following rules to all candidates regarding placement of signs and placards along state highways.

Please reference RCW 47.42, the Scenic Vistas Act that restricts signs on interstate highways, all primary highways, and the entire Scenic and Recreational Highway System. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Scenic Vistas Act, and local zoning restrictions.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66-050, classification of signs, political signs are considered a Type 3(b) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet in area.
- Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days after the election.
- Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of Chapter 47.42 RCW and Chapter 468-66 WAC that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs.

In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of advertising signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is illegal. Accordingly, any sign placed within the right-of-way of any state highway may be removed by the Department of Transportation.

## County Regulations

All political signs are subject to the zoning laws of Snohomish County.

For information regarding county sign regulations please contact:

Snohomish County Public Works  
Permitting Section  
(425) 388-6453  
or  
Snohomish County Planning Department  
Zoning Division  
(425) 388-3311

## City Regulations

For information regarding city sign placement regulations, please contact the public works department of the particular city.

Sign violation complaints do not come under the jurisdiction of the County Auditor.



# Snohomish County Voter Data

State law requires that voter data be available to candidates, campaigns and political parties, though it may only be used for political purposes. These groups routinely purchase voter data from the Elections Division of the Snohomish County Auditor's Office to assist with their campaign efforts. Voter data includes the voter's name, home and mailing address, precinct, registration date, elections voted, whether the voter's current election ballot has been returned and on what date, and if the voter signature on the return envelope has been questioned during the review process.

## Common Data Requests

- Data file of all registered voters in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- Data file of all voters who voted in one or more election(s) in the county or in a specific district or precinct

- Walking list of voters in a district or precinct (the list will be in pdf format sorted by address)
- Data file of voters for the election with the returned dates of their ballots and which, if any, signatures on the return envelopes have been questioned.

## Cost:

- \$11.50 base fee
- Media fee (if applicable)
- \$2.00 mailing fee (if applicable)

Please contact the Snohomish County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (425) 388-3444 for more information.

## Election Information Online

Currently available on our website:

- Verify Your Voter Registration Status
- Register to Vote Online
- Local Voters' Pamphlet Information
- Election Information Guide
- Election Specific Information
  - Mail Ballot Look-up
  - Provisional Ballot Look-up
  - Election Results and Canvasses (data from 1880 to present)
- Precinct Information
- Elected Officials/District Look-up
- Election Division Contact Information

**[www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections)**

## Section 2

# Ballot Measure Filing and Campaign Information

# Submitting a Ballot Measure

Local jurisdictions may submit ballot measures to appear before voters in a February, April, August or November election by passing a resolution through their governing body and filing the resolution with the Auditor's Office by the appropriate deadline.

The resolution passed by the governing body of the local jurisdiction must include the date of the election the measure should appear on the ballot, the authority under which the measure is placed on the ballot, and a potential ballot title to appear before the voters.

The resolution must be signed by the governing body and filed with the Auditor's Office by the deadline for resolutions, listed on page 20. Resolutions may be emailed or faxed. It is the district's responsibility to ensure that their resolution has been submitted in a timely manner.

The ballot title within the resolution should adhere to all legal requirements based on the type of measure and should appear in the format illustrated below. Voting responses should be no longer than 17 characters in length and we strongly encourage districts select standard responses such as yes/no or approved/rejected.

Ballot titles submitted by cities or towns must be signed by the City Attorney. Ballot titles submitted by other jurisdictions will be reviewed and amended when appropriate by the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Questions regarding the submission of ballot measures should be directed to the Elections Public Information Officer, Heather Sorgen at (425) 388-3321.

## Example

Name of Jurisdiction: Kidsrule School District No. 45  
Proposition #: Proposition No. 1  
Short Title: General Obligation Bonds - \$1,000,000,000

Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Kidsrule School District No. 45 approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to replace and equip Hillydilly Elementary; advance student learning by modernizing technology systems and equipment; make basic repairs to Happy Child pool; make health and safety improvements; and do pre-planning site and facility analysis; by issuing \$1,000,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; and collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 11111-8. Should this proposition be approved?

Response: Yes  
No

# Local Voters' Pamphlet for Ballot Measures

Snohomish County publishes a local voters' pamphlet featuring candidates and issues for Primaries and General Elections. Local voters' pamphlets are not printed for the February or April elections.

Any district with a resolution on the Primary or General Election ballot must participate in the local voters' pamphlet unless a waiver is granted by the County Council. Districts must submit an explanatory statement and the names of the pro and con committee members by the resolution's filing deadline.

An explanatory statement that addresses the anticipated effect of a measure if passed into law must be prepared by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the proposition or measure. The statement has a 200 word limit. A letter of confirmation that the explanatory statement was either written by the jurisdiction's attorney or is approved by said attorney is also required.

The legislative authority of a jurisdiction submitting a measure has the responsibility of appointing members to a committee that will write the statement for the measure as well as a committee that will write the statement against the measure. Each committee is allowed up to 3 members, but can seek the advice of any number of individuals.

Statements have a 250 word limit and may be rejected if the submitted statement contains obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language. If the statement is rejected, an appeal process is outlined in the Snohomish County Local Voters' Pamphlet Administrative Rules available in the Auditor's Office or online at [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections).

For more information regarding local voters' pamphlet due dates and procedures, please contact the Elections Division at (425) 388-3444.

## Local Voters' Pamphlet Deadlines

### Primary

Election Date	August 5
Resolution due	May 9, 5pm
Explanatory due	May 9, 5pm
Pro/Con Appoints due	May 9, 5pm
Pro/Con Statements due	May 23, 5pm
Pro/Con Rebuttals due	May 28, 5pm

### General

Election Date	November 5
Resolution due	August 5, 5pm
Explanatory due	August 5, 5pm
Pro/Con Appoints due	August 5, 5pm
Pro/Con Statements due	August 19, 5pm
Pro/Con Rebuttals due	August 22, 5pm

# Election Costs

Jurisdictions are responsible for sharing in the cost of elections in which they have a race or issue on the ballot. (RCW 29A.04.410) The cost sharing model includes a minimum \$50 fee as well as a portion of all costs associated with the election. If there is only one jurisdiction on the ballot, they will be responsible for the entire cost of the election.

The cost of an election is calculated by the Snohomish County Auditor's Office once expenses associated with the election have been invoiced, received and paid. Election expenses include staff costs; ballot printing and mailing costs (i.e. envelopes, postage, and ballots); legal advertising costs; other consumable supply costs; and elections overhead.

The individual jurisdiction's cost of an election is based on the total number of jurisdictions with a race or issue on the ballot and the number of

registered voters in each of those jurisdictions. In most cases one can assume that the more jurisdictions that appear in an election the more the expenses are divided and the lower the end cost to a jurisdiction will be.

Jurisdictions that have an account with the Snohomish County Treasurer will have their portion of election costs drawn automatically from this account approximately 30 days following certification of the election. A statement with the amount taken will be sent to each jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions that do not have accounts with the Snohomish County Treasurer will be sent an invoice with a request for prompt payment. Questions regarding election costs or the process for calculating individual jurisdictions portions should be directed to the Snohomish County Elections Manager, Garth Fell at 425-388-3625.

The following is an example of how costs would be apportioned for an election with 3 jurisdictions placing issues before voters in a Special Election that costs \$200,000 to administer:

<b>Jurisdictions</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>Portion</b>	<b>Jurisdiction's Portion of Costs</b>
A	1,000	.01	\$2,000
B	24,000	.024	\$48,000
C	75,000	.075	\$150,000
Totals	100,000	1.00	\$200,000

# Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

In addition to either a simple majority (50%+1) or a super majority (60%+1) vote requirement, some ballot measures require a minimum turnout based on the turnout in the previous year's General Election. This list shows for each district the number of voters as of the end of 2013, the number of votes cast in the 2013 General Election, and 40% of the number of votes cast in the 2013 General Election (the most common validation requirement).

<b>District</b>	<b>Registered Voters in District</b>	<b>Votes Cast in 2013 General Election</b>	<b>40% of votes cast</b>
COUNTY OFFICES	417893	173494	69398
CITY OF ARLINGTON	9930	3838	1536
CITY OF BOTHELL* (King Co included)	20704	9156	3663
CITY OF BRIER	4527	2365	946
TOWN OF DARRINGTON	703	321	129
CITY OF EDMONDS	29267	15260	6104
CITY OF EVERETT	51888	19038	7616
CITY OF GOLD BAR	1057	423	170
CITY OF GRANITE FALLS	1841	653	262
TOWN OF INDEX	116	69	28
CITY OF LAKE STEVENS	16215	5774	2310
CITY OF LYNNWOOD	18053	7593	3038
CITY OF MARYSVILLE	33494	12413	4966
CITY OF MILL CREEK	11236	5148	2060
CITY OF MONROE	7271	3115	1246
CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	11306	4651	1861
CITY OF MUKILTEO	13059	6619	2648
CITY OF SNOHOMISH	5439	2431	973
CITY OF STANWOOD	3586	1731	693
CITY OF SULTAN	2365	1034	414
TOWN OF WOODWAY	996	540	216
ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 16	18966	8226	3291
DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 330* (Skagit Co included)	1681 snoco only	892	357
EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT 15	92667	41152	16461
EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2	73606	28865	11546
GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DIST 332	8042	3044	1218
INDEX SCHOOL DISTRICT 63	308	168	68
LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DISTRICT 4	24046	8801	3521
LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 306	8374	3494	1398
MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 25	39967	15211	6085
MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT 103	20989	9489	3796
MUKILTEO SCHOOL DISTRICT 6	47171	18580	7432

# Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

District	Registered Voters in District	Votes Cast in 2013 General Election	40% of votes cast
NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 417* (King Co included)	79679	35250	14101
SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201	34198	14718	5888
STANWOOD-CAMANO SCHOOL DISTRICT 401* (Island Co included)	11349 snoco only	12341	4937
SULTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 311	7486	3250	1300
FIRE DISTRICT 01	70541	26718	10688
FIRE DISTRICT 03	15166	6738	2696
FIRE DISTRICT 04	17628	7973	3190
FIRE DISTRICT 05	4654	2092	837
FIRE DISTRICT 07	32700	13209	5284
FIRE DISTRICT 10	5621	2288	916
FIRE DISTRICT 12	9167	3911	1565
FIRE DISTRICT 14	6794	3346	1339
FIRE DISTRICT 15	3014	1240	496
FIRE DISTRICT 16	1734	769	308
FIRE DISTRICT 17	7075	2650	1060
FIRE DISTRICT 18	3714	1831	733
FIRE DISTRICT 19	2249	1007	403
FIRE DISTRICT 21	5547	2507	1003
FIRE DISTRICT 22	3256	1386	555
FIRE DISTRICT 23	221	101	41
FIRE DISTRICT 24* (Skagit Co included)	1618 snoco only	851	341
FIRE DISTRICT 25	599	268	108
FIRE DISTRICT 26	2453	944	378
FIRE DISTRICT 27	60	26	11
FIRE DISTRICT 28	308	168	68
LAKE STEVENS FIRE	25583	9608	3844
BOTHELL EMS DISTRICT	10146	4437	1775
NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY	10508	5177	2071
ALDERWOOD WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT	133065	54957	21983
CROSS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	15000	6756	2703
HIGHLAND WATER DISTRICT	3385	1563	626
LAKE ARMSTRONG CREEK WATER SEWER DIST	1	1	1
MUKILTEO WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT	11492	5624	2250
OLYMPIC VIEW WATER DISTRICT	9803	4875	1950
SILVER LAKE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	28992	11387	4555

# Validation Figures for Ballot Measures

<b>District</b>	<b>Registered Voters in District</b>	<b>Votes Cast in 2013 General Election</b>	<b>40% of votes cast</b>
STARTUP WATER DISTRICT	301	126	51
LAKE STEVENS SEWER DISTRICT	17099	6133	2454
RONALD WASTEWATER DISTRICT* (King Co included)	35374	16003	6401
HOSPITAL DISTRICT 1	63993	28072	11229
HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2	100548	44768	17908
HOSPITAL DISTRICT 3	19816	8688	3476
PORT OF EDMONDS	14591	8360	3344
PORT OF EVERETT	54013	21814	8726
PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT NO 1* (Island Co included)	417893 snoco only	180276	72111
KING CO RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT (King Co included)	773127	339639	135856
SNO - ISLE LIBRARY DISTRICT* (Island Co included)	351161 snoco only	154469	61788
ARL LIB CAPITAL FACILITY AREA	18657	7923	3170
GFL LIB CAPITAL FACILITY AREA	8042	3044	1218
MON LIB CAPITAL FACILITY AREA	14558	6428	2572
SNO LIB CAPITAL FACILITY AREA	34381	14806	5923
STANWOOD-CAMANO ISLAND LIB CAPITAL FACILITY AREA	11349	5528	2212
EAST COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION	20823	9412	3765
LAKE STEVENS PARK AND RECREATION	24046	8801	3521
NORTHSHORE PARK AND RECREATION* (King Co included)	79392	35146	14059
ARLINGTON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT	9930	3839	1536
EDMONDS TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT	29267	15256	6103
LYNNWOOD TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT	18053	7591	3037
SNOHOMISH TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT	5439	2431	973
STANWOOD TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT	3586	1731	693
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA	306384	128321	51329
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	240515	99836	39935

\*District shared with another county.



## Section 3

# Basic Election Information

# Voter Registration Information

## **Who can register to vote?**

U. S. citizens 18 years of age and older who are residents of Washington State are eligible to register. In Washington, a voter is not required to register by political party or declare political party membership to vote in any election.

## **When can I register?**

You may register online or by mail up to 29 days before the election or in-person at the County Auditor's Office up to 8 days before the election. You need to meet the qualifications to vote and have lived in Snohomish County 30 days. Once you are registered, you do not need to register again unless you change your address or name.

## **Where can I register?**

You may register online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov). Mail-in registration forms are available at libraries, post offices, and at the County Auditor's Office. You may register when you renew your driver's license.

## **What if I change my name, or signature or move?**

If you change your name or move within Snohomish County, you must update your voter registration. Changes made 29 days or more before an election will take effect immediately. Changes made closer to Election Day will take effect after the election. Name and signature changes may be made by filling out a voter registration form and sending the updated information to the Snohomish County Elections Office. Address changes may be made by calling Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or by sending an email to [elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org).

## **Can a voter's registration be canceled for failure to vote?**

No. Failure to vote will not result in the cancellation of a voter's registration.

## **How are voters' registrations canceled?**

Voters' registrations are canceled when a voter reregisters in another state or county; when the Auditor's Office receives notice that a voter has died or has been imprisoned for a felony conviction; or when a voter contacts the Auditor's Office requesting their registration be canceled.

Voters' registrations are also canceled by a periodic removal of voters that have been on inactive status for two successive federal elections. A voter is designated inactive if any mail from Snohomish County Elections is returned as undeliverable from the US Post Office. The voter is then sent a forwardable address verification postcard. The voter is reactivated if he/she votes or notifies Snohomish County Elections of a current address.

# Basic Election Information

## All Mail Ballot Elections

(RCW 29A.40.010, 070)

Snohomish County is an all mail ballot environment. Ballots are mailed to all eligible registered voters 19 days (30/45 days for military and overseas voters) before each election. Ballots can be returned through the mail or at a 24-hour drop box. There are multiple 24-hour drop box locations throughout the county. These locations and hours are sent with the ballot and posted on the Elections website.

If a ballot is marked in error a voter may request a replacement ballot through Election Day. A voter can call the Elections Office at (425) 388-3444 or come into the office in person to receive a replacement ballot. Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and 7am to 8pm on Election Day.

## Election Observers

(RCW 29A.40.100)

The public, candidates and representatives of political parties may observe signature verification and ballot processing at any time during the election period. All observers must sign in at either the Snohomish County Elections Office, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration West Building, Everett or at the Ballot Processing Center, 1818 Pacific Avenue, Everett. On Election Day, visitors may observe the tabulation of ballots at the Ballot Processing Center.

## Logic and Accuracy Testing

(RCW 29A.12.130)

The Logic and Accuracy test is a public test of the election tabulation program. The test is witnessed by party representatives and for primaries or elections with state or federal races, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State. The public may also attend. Testing is conducted by Snohomish County Elections using the same software and hardware that will be used on Election Day.

## Election Results

(RCW 29A.60.160)

Local election results are available beginning at approximately 8:00pm on election night at the Snohomish County Auditor's website ([www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections)), the Ballot Processing Center (1818 Pacific Ave, Everett), or by calling (425) 388-3444. Statewide results can be found on the Washington Secretary of State's Office website ([www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)).

Election night results generally represent ballots that have been received by the Auditor's Office through the Monday before Election Day. Snohomish County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate mail and provisional ballots until the election is certified 14 or 21 days after the election.

Interim ballot tabulations are normally scheduled every day after a special, primary or general election excluding weekends and holidays. Exact tabulation dates are determined by voter turnout. Dates and times of interim ballot tabulations are posted on the Elections website.

# Basic Election Information

## **Canvassing Board Review of Ballots**

(RCW 29A.60.140,200)

The Snohomish County Canvassing Board is comprised of the Auditor, Chair of the County Council, and the County Prosecuting Attorney or their designated representatives. One of the official duties of the Canvassing Board is to accept or reject ballots submitted by voters where validity is in question.

Ballots that require review by the Canvassing Board are brought before the Board usually one day before the official certification of the election. Notice of all Canvassing Board meetings are published in the Everett Herald newspaper. Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

## **Certification of Election Results**

(RCW 29A.60.190)

All elections must be certified by the Snohomish County Canvassing Board. The process of certification includes a review of the final election tabulation report and the signing of certification documents by each board member. Separate certification documents for each proposition on the ballot are also signed by the Canvassing Board. The election certification process is open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

## **Recounts**

(RCW 29A.64.011, 021, 030)

An automatic machine recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if less than 1/2 of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent based on certified election results. In a primary a recount could occur

between the second and third place candidates. An automatic machine recount will only tally votes for the position in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

An automatic hand recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1/4 of 1% and less than 150 votes (or 1,000 votes for statewide races), the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be used if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

A candidate or an officer of a political party may request a recount if the race is not close enough for an automatic recount or has been recounted once already. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three business days after the official canvass is complete. A deposit of \$.15 per ballot for a machine count and \$.25 per ballot for a hand count by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be determined after the recount is complete. The recount will be conducted in the time-frame determined by the Canvassing Board.

## **Effective Date of State Measures**

(RCW 29A.60.260)

State ballot measures receiving a favorable majority vote are declared law by the Governor 30 days after the General Election, unless an effective date is contained within the text of the measure.

# Voting History of Snohomish County

## Primaries

<b>Year</b>	<b>Reg Voters</b>	<b>Precincts</b>	<b>Mailed Ballots Returned</b>	<b>Total Ballots Cast</b>	<b>Turnout %</b>
2000	299,327	723	80,392	125,201	38.06%
2001	322,521	722	76,950	101,946	31.61%
2002	314,787	703	83,790	109,305	34.72%
2003	324,135	704	79,254	97,688	30.14%
2004	330,558	698	114,062	149,062	45.37%
2005	325,700	716	77,559	89,386	27.44%
2006	337,261	711	130,110	130,171	38.60%
2007	339,754	712	95,163	95,300	28.05%
2008	351,080	714	148,180	148,724	42.36%
2009	366,947	686	90,046	90,081	24.55%
2010	375,946	750	144,949	145,160	38.61%
2011	388,557	751	100,272	100,327	25.82%
2012	400,448	756	142,306	142,336	35.54%
2013	333,359	759	72,982	73,006	21.90%

## General Elections

<b>Year</b>	<b>Reg Voters</b>	<b>Precincts</b>	<b>Mailed Ballots Returned</b>	<b>Total Ballots Cast</b>	<b>Turnout %</b>
2000	338,163	723	106,210	253,423	74.94%
2001	323,927	722	100,460	151,575	46.76%
2002	318,170	708	116,488	181,075	56.91%
2003	325,063	704	97,367	130,835	40.25%
2004	352,238	698	200,737	296,968	84.31%
2005	354,116	716	133,739	175,937	49.68%
2006	334,369	711	207,851	208,243	62.28%
2007	333,618	712	170,192	170,760	51.18%
2008	372,636	714	317,537	324,179	87.00%
2009	371,915	742	180,477	180,794	48.61%
2010	377,739	750	269,607	270,662	71.65%
2011	384,165	751	199,896	200,128	52.09%
2012	415,504	756	333,037	334,664	80.54%
2013	417,775	759	173,317	173,494	41.53%



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