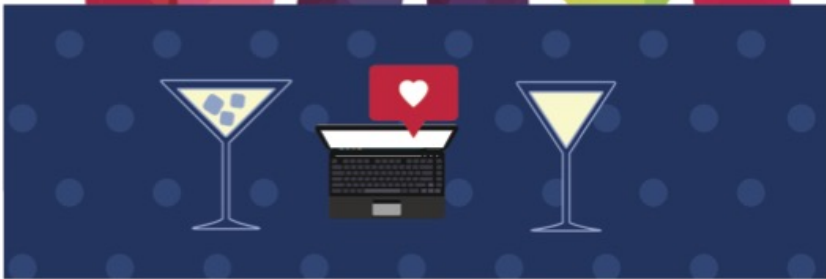


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WA 2022 Legislative Recap

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WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Prison Gerrymandering:

SB 5583 – Local redistricting to reflect last known residence for incarcerated persons

Bill Summary:

It is the responsibility of each county, municipal corporation, and special purpose district with a governing to periodically adjust census data for local redistricting to reflect the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Weapon Restrictions:

HB 1630 - Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations.

Bill Summary: Prohibits open carry and possession of firearms & other prohibited weapons, as well requirement to post signs about restrictions, on or in:

- School areas and areas of facilities while being used for official meetings of a school district board of directors;
- Local government buildings used in connection with meetings of the governing body of the local government or any location of a public meeting or hearing of the governing body of a local government during the meeting or hearing;
- Election-related offices; and
- Makes violations of these restrictions a misdemeanor for first time offenses while second and subsequent violations are gross.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Community Councils:

[HB 1769](#) – Sunsetting Community Councils

Bill Summary:

Sunsets the last two community councils in Washington state in Houghton Community Council in Kirkland and East Bellevue Community Council in Bellevue.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Ballot Impact Statements:

HB 1876 - Adds a fiscal impact statement to ballot measures

Bill Summary:

This bill would add public investment impact disclosures for certain ballot measures that repeal, levy, or modify any tax or fee and have a fiscal impact showing how adoption of the measure would cause a net change in state revenue.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Campaign Funds for Child Care:

SB 5855 - Concerning the use of campaign funds to reimburse expenses for child care and other caregiving services.

Bill Summary:

Authorizes the use of campaign contributions to reimburse candidates for expenses for the direct care, protection, and supervision of a child or person over whom the candidate has direct caregiving responsibility incurred directly due to campaign activities.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Voter Privacy Information:

HB 1953 - Exempting sensitive voter information on ballot return envelopes, ballot declarations, and signature correction forms from public disclosure.

Bill Summary:

- Creates an exemption to the Public Records Act for a voter's signature, phone number, and electronic mail address on a ballot return envelope, ballot declaration, or signature correction form.
- Authorizes the Secretary of State to create rules to allow for in-person inspection of those documents.

WA Democracy Bills That PASSED!

Ballot Casting Locations:

HB 1716 - Concerning locations at which ballots may be cast.

Bill Summary:

- Requires that county auditors open a voting center during a special election only if the county is conducting a special election.
- Requires that county auditors open a voting center, rather than only conduct in-person voter registration, at certain locations.
- Restricts certain political activity near voting centers, student engagement hubs, and ballot drop boxes during the voting period.

Budget Proviso for Jail Voting

\$2,534,000 for grants to counties to support voter registration and voting within county jails to be used to develop and implement a plan to increase voting amongst the jail population, create voting materials specific to the jail population, purchase supplies and equipment for voting in jails, and provide direct staffing in jails to support voting activities.

Grantee must submit a post election report by February 1, 2023, detailing the use of grant funding, evaluation of the grant's overall effectiveness in achieving its objective to increase voter registration and voting of the jailed population, and recommendations regarding best practices and law changes, if needed.

\$100,000 may be used for the office of the secretary of state to compile the reports and must include an analysis of the county grant projects, including recommended policies and procedures for county jails regarding inmate voting.

Budget Proviso for Voting/Election Data

\$89,000 of the general fund to establish a **data repository** to assist the state and all political subdivisions with evaluating whether and to what extent existing laws and practices with respect to voting and elections are consistent with public policy, implementing best practices in voting and elections, and to investigate potential infringements upon the right to vote.

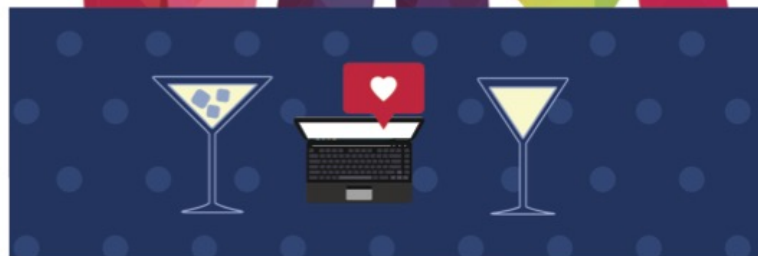
The operation of the repository shall be the responsibility of the director of the repository who shall be employed by the University of Washington with doctoral level expertise in demography, statistical analysis, and electoral systems. The director shall be appointed by the governor. The director shall appoint necessary staff to implement and maintain the repository.

WA Democracy Bills That Did NOT Pass

- [SB 5597](#) – WA Voting Rights Act Enhancements
- [SB 5636](#) – Expanding & Enhancing Automatic Voter Registration
- [HB 1156](#) & [SB 5584](#) – Local Options for Ranked Choice Voting
- [HB 1926](#) & [SB 5851](#) – RCV for Presidential Primaries
- [SB 5560](#) – Procedures for approval & submission of the redistricting plan
- [SB 5182](#) – Eliminating Advisory Votes
- [HB 1618](#) – Prohibiting weapons at election-related offices
- [HB 1727](#) – Eliminating Odd-Year Elections
- [HB 1919](#) – Public Disclosure Commission Recommendations
- [SB 5148](#) – Concerning the harassment of election officials.
- [HB 1910](#) – Conservation District Elections
- [SB 5170](#) – Close the Revolving Door – Employment after public service
- [HB 1485](#) – Women's Suffrage Day a Legal Holiday



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