

Letter from the Auditor

Dear Thurston County Voters:

Welcome to the May 18 Special Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. Following the 2000 Presidential Election, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). This made substantial changes to voter registration and ballot tabulation requirements across the country. The first of these changes, a requirement to include your Washington State Driver's License or State I.D. number on your registration, took effect January 1, 2003. Voters who registered after this date may be required to show I.D. at the polls in the September Primary Election, or to include copies of their I.D. with their Absentee Ballots. If you registered to vote after January 1st, and are unsure if you met these identification requirements, call the Elections Department at (360)786-5408.

In addition, the HAVA will bring many changes to Thurston County. My office is actively working on replacing the County's punch card ballots with a system known as Optical Scan. This Special Election may be the last time our County utilizes Punch Card ballots.

This is the largest special election Local Voters' Pamphlet the Auditor's Office has produced. We are pleased to provide this valuable information to you, and hope that it assists you in casting an informed vote.

Sincerely,



Kim Wyman
Thurston County Auditor

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Thurston County ● Fire Protection District No. 5 - Black Lake ● Fire Protection District No. 11 - Littlerock

Centralia School District No. 401-L and Fire District No. 7 - North Olympia opted out of participation in this Local Voters' pamphlet