

# County Commissioner

The three member County Commission is both a local government and a subdivision of state government. Its primary responsibility is serving as the general purpose local government outside city limits. Many county responsibilities are mandated by state law; others are permitted by state law allowing considerable local discretion. The Commission is responsible for county policies relating to public safety and health, community development, human services, environmental protection, solid waste, county finance, transportation, parks and recreation, and other state legislative directed duties.

- **Only voters who live within Districts 1 and 2 will vote in the Primary Election for County Commissioner.**
- **All voters in the county will vote for the positions in the General Election.**

# Superior Court Justices

The Superior Courts are the state's courts of general jurisdiction. Judges hear a variety of cases including felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. If any candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the Primary Election, they are deemed elected and will not appear in the General Election.

# Precinct Committee Officers

In addition to the various state and county offices which will appear on the Primary Election ballot, voters will have the opportunity to vote for Precinct Committee Officers.

These elected officials serve two year terms as members of the County Central Committees of the Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian parties. These committees have the authority to fill vacancies on the party ticket for partisan offices, call caucuses and conventions, provide the nomination of Presidential electors, and conduct other duties. These officers represent a local voice of the voters in each county precinct. Candidates will appear only on the Primary Election ballot. Voters are eligible to vote for either a Democratic, Republican, or Libertarian candidate.

## We're Listening to Your Concerns!

The Thurston County Auditor's Office is happy to announce that beginning with this election, we have changed our absentee mailing envelopes. You will no longer sign on the outside of the return envelope. This ensures that your signature is protected. We are committed to safeguarding every step of the election process.



# Legislative

There are 49 Legislative Districts in the State of Washington. Each Legislative District has two representative positions and one Senate seat. The districts are drawn so that they are approximately equal in population.

The State Legislature is directly involved in all aspects of state government and in many aspects of county and city governments. It is the governmental body that writes the laws of our state, develops a state budget and has oversight of state agencies.

- In Thurston County, candidates for the House of Representatives are running in four separate districts (2nd, 20th, 22nd, and 35th).
- Only registered voters within the district may vote for positions. See the map on page 12 to find your Legislative District.
- Candidates for the Senate are running in Districts 2, 20 and 22.

## “Check it Out... We’ve Updated Our Web Site!”

### *Internet Guide to Local Voters’ Information*

*Now you can access information about your precinct, districts and polling place by entering your address on our Web site. Additionally, we post this Local Voters’ Pamphlet, current elected officials, and election night results.*

Thurston County Auditor’s Web page address:  
<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/auditor>

Secretary of State’s Web page address:  
<http://www.secstate.wa.gov>