

# Washington State Elections Weekly

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## Action Item | Results Upload Test

The statewide dry run for the February Special Election will be tomorrow, **Thursday, February 5** at **2:00 p.m.** Please email [VRSupport](#) if no one from your county is able to participate in the test, and we will get someone on our staff to upload on your behalf. We want to be sure that all county uploads are tested prior to Election Day.

## Voter Intent | One Mark on a Ballot

Voter Intent WACs no longer require a “Consistent Pattern.” Meaning, a voter is not expected to establish a consistent pattern when there’s only one race or measure on a ballot. See the [Voter Intent Manual](#), page 25, “Because a pattern cannot be established when a voter marks only one race or measure, marks made on a single race or measure must be considered a vote if the voter’s intent can be determined.” For graphic examples of Rule B, One Mark on a Ballot, see pages 39 – 43.

## Register | COOP with the Expert, Part 2

Each elections department develops one Continuity of Operations Plan. This six hour regional workshop is a continuation of our January 29 webinar for the executive and staff working on that plan. Meet Bob Bippert, Emergency Response Manager, and come prepared with your county's draft template. [Register](#) key staff members developing your COOP for one these sessions:

- March 3, Ephrata
- March 5, Walla Walla
- March 17, Burlington
- March 19, Lacey

## Did You “Meet Bob?”

If you participated in last week’s webinar, *COOP with the Expert, Part 1*, please provide your [feedback](#) if you haven’t done so already, and help us prepare for March’s workshops. You may download the PowerPoint presentation and locate other COOP resources from our [Training Materials](#) page.

## Combined Voters’ Pamphlet – It May Cost Less Than You Think

Whether you’re considering a printed local voters’ pamphlet for the first time or already publish a great pamphlet, combining with the state can save you time and money!

In 2014, Thurston County combined their local voters’ pamphlet with the state after learning how much they would save. And Pend Oreille County published their first local voters’ pamphlet, which only took them three days to design and cost less than \$400 (including postage). Take a look at [these costs](#) from the last two years, then email [voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov](mailto:voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov) to get an estimate based on the number of residences in your county and the number of pages you think you’ll need.

## Job Announcement | Grays Harbor County

Grays Harbor County has an opening for an [Elections Administrator](#) in the Auditor’s Office – the position is open until filled. For more information, including the downloadable job application, visit Grays Harbor’s [current job announcements website](#).

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