

Washington State Elections Weekly

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County testing of latest IT improvements coming soon!

Candidate filing, statement submission, and supporting items were the focus of our latest technical development cycle. Most of this cycle was prioritized using results from the county survey after candidate filing and statement submission last year.

If you would like to participate in testing these improvements, please email WEISupport. Expect to see a complete list of issues closer to testing.

County testing timeline:

April 9-11 Test site

Late April-Early May Live site

Voter Intent The New Rule B

Is your county conducting an April election? If so, an important clarification has been added to [Rule B, Pattern of Similar Marks](#). The rule states, "A mark outside the target area on a ballot that contains only one race or measure is not required to form a pattern." More voter intent training and new printed manuals will be available at the Elections Conference.

A note from King County Elections

King County is in the process of replacing our sorters and the existing equipment will be available as soon as May 7 this year. There is no charge except for your own transportation costs, they are simply hoping to have the sorters taken away as soon as they're removed from our building.

The two Pitney Bowes Olympus sorters were originally HAVA funded and are available for continued HAVA use. The sorters are set up for inbound processing only and no other software, applications, or servers are included. This equipment is in excellent condition and has served us well for years. My contact information is below. Also, I've provided the number for the area Pitney Bowes representative to help with your business and implementation questions.

Rene LeBeau, King County Elections: (206) 477-4228 or Gary Armstrong, Pitney Bowes: (425) 275-2088. For HAVA funding questions contact Cristina Labra at (360) 902-4175

ERIC Voter Registration Outreach Study

Results show that postcards describing the registration process as "fast and easy" were more effective than postcards using social pressure. The postcards were especially effective among 18 year olds. Read the [ERIC Outreach Report](#) for more details, including the effects of bilingual postcards.

Island County Employment Opportunities

The positions can be viewed at the [county website](#) for the Elections/Voter Services Coordinator and Payroll Accountant positions.

Motor voter and online transaction report

Click [here](#) to see the monthly report of motor voter and online transactions.

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