

# Washington State Elections Weekly

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## Technology Summit Kickoff

A huge thank you to those of you who participated in our technology summit kickoff yesterday. What an amazing day and a great start to our continued dedication to improving Washington elections! Next week we'll send out a link to a summary of the event, the presentation material, and a survey that we'll need you to complete in order to continue our work.

## Welcome and Congratulations

I'm pleased to announce that we've hired a new Elections Deputy Director. **Allyson Ruppenthal** will officially join the Washington elections team on Monday, April 14. She comes to us with private sector, state, and local government experience, focusing extensively on general management, budgeting, grants management, and project management. While she has tons of experience that will translate well to our industry, she's new to the elections world, so we'll be out to visit many of you soon. She is excited to learn elections from the experts...all of you! I promise...you're really going to like her!

I'll send out her contact information next week. Please join me in congratulating Allyson and welcoming her to our team.

## Newly Adopted WACs

If you use our online version, we've now incorporated the newly adopted [WACs](#) on our website.

## Changes to WAC 434-262-031

We amended WAC 434-262-031(2)(b) to clarify the procedures you use when you find two voted ballots returned together:

- If two ballots are returned together with only one valid signature on the ballot declaration, the races and measures voted the same on both ballots may be counted once.
- If the two ballots are returned with two valid signatures on the ballot declaration, both ballots may be counted in their entirety.

If you have questions about these [recent changes](#), please contact [ctsupport@sos.wa.gov](mailto:ctsupport@sos.wa.gov) or Katie Blinn, (360) 902-4168.

## Windows XP

As you are no doubt aware, Microsoft's support for Windows XP ended on April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are still hosting your EMS on a Windows XP PC, please let [VR Support](#) know immediately.

## Training Opportunity

"A How to Guide for the Americans with Disabilities Act"

Bruce Adelson, a federal compliance consultant, is offering a [webinar](#) where you can learn about federal enforcement priorities, discover liability trends, and comply with ADA's effective communication requirements. You can use your County Education Funds for this training event. If you have any questions about your training fund balance, please contact [Cristina Labra](#).

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