

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Voters' Pamphlet Instructions for Candidates

The updated [Voters' Pamphlet instructions](#) for 2013 state candidates is posted on our website.



ERIC postcard update

ERIC, the Electronic Registration Information Center, remains active and moving toward full implementation. Click [here](#) for what to expect from ERIC this year.



Election Administrator Certification

Secretary Kim Wyman will recognize newly certified administrators at the elections conference. Don't miss out...submit your [exam and/or application](#) to ensure you'll be acknowledged at this year's conference!



Outreach Spotlight | San Juan County

Auditor Milene Henley and her elections crew in San Juan County mail a congratulatory card to local college and high school graduates. The card includes a voter registration form and instructions for online registration. To add a personal touch, each card is signed by Milene. Nicely done!



College Civics

Secretary Wyman will visit college campuses statewide May 6-8 for College Civics Week. If we're stopping in your county, we notified you last week. We look forward to seeing you there!



Design for Democracy

Farewell from Sarah Higgins, Design for Democracy Fellow:

I'd like to thank everyone for your time, patience and dedication to creating user-friendly election materials. It's been an honor working with you. Until a new fellow is recruited, I encourage you to use the [Design Center](#) and each other as resources. A small group agreed to provide additional design support. Keep up the good work and happy designing everyone! The Design Center requires a user name and password. Your designers have been issued the county log in credentials.

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Elections News Sources

Here's a collection of our favorite blogs and newsletters that we follow to keep up on election news from our neck of the woods and around the country.

[Doug Chapin: Election Academy](#). Doug's posts cover a wide range of elections-related topics. Click the subscription link on his webpage.

[The Canvass: States and Election Reform](#). The National Conference of State Legislatures produces this newsletter intended for legislators to hear from folks who run elections. It provides features such as a Q and A with an election administrator. It is distributed electronically for free nine times a year. Here's a [sample issue](#). If you'd like to receive *The Canvass*, email your contact information to [Wendy Underhill](#).

[ElectionLine.org](#) offers two newsletters. [ElectionlineToday](#) is a daily run-down of election-related news stories from around the country. The [ElectionLineWeekly](#) newsletter includes news, an original article and more. Click the subscribe button on the home page.

[Election Law Blog](#), managed by UC Irvine Professor of Law, Rick Hasen, is a daily round-up of news articles and other topical blog posts. Rick covers election law, campaign finance, legislation, voting rights, initiatives, and redistricting. Not the best design, but a great resource for tracking elections-related litigation and policy developments. Also, Rick provides great coverage when the U.S. Supreme Court is hearing a voting, elections or redistricting case. Email-based subscriptions can be set up from his [home page](#).

[Election Data Dispatches](#), from the Pew Center on the States' Elections Initiatives program, is for the data geek in all of us. These quick-to-read dispatches provide quantitative insights into election administration from counties and states around the country. A little less easy to subscribe to, dispatches are delivered through iGoogle, Google Reader or an [RSS feed](#). Click [here](#) to sign-up through one of these services.

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