

Washington State Elections Weekly

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Candidate Filing Week

Action Item: Get ready for Candidate Filing

For a refresher on legislative changes resulting from last year's session, review the [Filing for Office](#) clearinghouse notice. Our website also provides information for [candidates](#) and [state offices open for election](#).

Action Item: Online Candidate Filing

Review instructions for activating and deactivating your [Online Candidate Filing](#) page. For more information, look at the FAQs on [filing in WEI](#).

Check your Offices Open for Election report and make sure all positions open for 2013 are listed. See the candidate filing [checklist](#).

If you would like assistance, please contact weisupport@sos.wa.gov before filing week opens on May 13.



April Election

For the April Election, 21 counties processed 135,877 ballots for a turnout of 36.19 percent. In February, the turnout was 37.73 percent. And one year ago, the April election had a turnout of 39.72 percent.



VRDB

Action Item: Transfers

Please process your transfers. Counties with an April election should have triggered their global updates on or before certification day.

The deceased check is [scheduled](#) for today.



Precinct Change

Action Item: District Sync

If you made changes to your precincts for 2013, contact weisupport@sos.wa.gov to arrange a district sync before filing week.



Online Training - Save the Date

Would you like to find precisely what you're looking for on the Legislature's website? We're pleased to partner with the Legislative Information Center to bring you an eLearning opportunity. Registration information coming soon. Save the date - **June 4 @ 10 am**. Training hours can be applied for certification.



U.S. Postal Service - Return Ballot Packet

We alerted you to a proposed change at the USPS last month. Now's the time to provide comments to the federal register. If the policy is approved, elections officials will be required to inform voters of the exact amount of return postage on the ballot packet. The 30-day comment period began May 2. Provide comments directly to the federal register. [Review proposal and submit comments](#).



OSOS Makeover

The Office of the Secretary of State is proud to unveil our new logo. And, next week, we'll launch a new website design. The new website will contain all the same useful information you're used to.



Clearinghouse Notices

We'll issue four Clearinghouse Notices in the coming weeks to help you implement new legislation. Look for -

- Judicial Elections
- The new voter oath
- Partisan Primaries
- Adding PDC information to election materials

I encourage you to check out the full library of [Clearinghouse Notices](#). They are all current and a great reference tool.

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