

# Washington State Elections Weekly

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## Presidential Primary Costs

The 2016 Presidential Primary will be here before we know it. The state will reimburse you for the cost of this election. Right now, we're working to build our budget for the upcoming biennium, which includes this primary. To do that, we need election cost estimates from you by **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**.

As you prepare your estimates, please consider the additional requirements that are outlined in law for this election. Laws regarding the conduct of the primary are found in [RCW 29A.56.010-29A.56.060](#) and in [WAC Chapter 434-219](#). This primary requires additional instructions, different return envelopes, different or additional ballot cards, and special ballot processing. The election will likely occur in late winter/early spring in 2016.

**Ballots:** Ballots for each political party must be sent to each registered voter. The ballots may be printed separately or in a consolidated ballot. A checkbox may be included to indicate the political party. Additional instructions for voters will be required. Postage may be higher if separate ballots are used.

**Return Envelopes:** In addition to the regular ballot declaration, political party declarations must be printed on the return envelopes.

**Processing ballots:** As ballots are opened, the ballot must be compared to the party declaration on the return envelopes often requiring additional handling and processing time.

Questions? Contact [Sheryl Moss](#) or [Allyson Ruppenthal](#).

## OVG Translation a Work in Progress

Translations for candidates are posted on the online Primary and General Election Voters' Guides. Ballot measure and Advisory Vote translations are a work in progress – as the English content becomes available, translated content is soon to follow. The translations for obscure party preferences should also be available for display soon.

## New! | WEI Admin Tutorial

Are you ready to complete your [Upload Setup](#) for the Primary? This 8-minute video offers helpful user tips.

- If you haven't yet conducted your L&A, view the tutorial for basic steps and important reminders.
- Learn how to handle the setup when you're the "lead county" on a race/measure.

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