



August 12, 2015

Registration Reminder | Business Requirements (August 19 & 20)

We look forward to meeting with you as regional groups regarding your input for a modernized elections solution for Washington. Remember that before you attend the meeting, you need to review the draft list of business requirements (emailed August 10) in order for the session to be productive for your county.

If you're one of the 10 counties we haven't heard from as of today, please [register a representative](#) from your county. If your county is unable to send a representative in-person, please contact [Stephanie Goebel](#).

Presidential Primary | Party Declarations

In the coming Presidential Primary, each registered voter wishing to participate must select and sign (subscribe to) a major party declaration. According to [WAC 434-219-140](#), a major party must submit in writing to the Secretary of State the exact wording of any party declaration required by its own state or national party rules.

- **No later than August 15**, the parties must submit party declarations;
- **No later than August 30**, the Secretary of State must certify the language of each major party's declaration to the County Auditors.

Both political party declarations are printed on the return ballot envelope in addition to the ballot declaration required by [WAC 434-230-015](#). To promote statewide consistency, our office is developing a standard format for the return envelope.

One Race or Measure

When a voter returns a ballot having marked only one race or measure, the act of returning a ballot indicates the voter wished to cast a vote in that race or measure. Because a pattern cannot be established when a voter marks only one race or measure, marks made on a single race or measure **must be considered a vote** if that voter's intent can be determined. For visual examples of "One Mark on a Ballot," Rule B, see pages 25, and 39 - 43 of the [Voter Intent Manual](#).

Change of Location | Everett

The Regional Training Workshop formerly scheduled in Lynnwood has been moved to Everett Community College. Join us in the Jackson Conference Center, Wilderness Auditorium, at 2000 Tower Street. The session is still scheduled for September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To register for upcoming OSOS events, please see our [Training Events Calendar](#).

COOP Efforts Continue

Thank you for raising questions and sharing your Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) this past year! Our office will continue to support your efforts and provide opportunities to update your plan. With assistance from the Attorney General's Office, we've identified several areas for continued progress:

- New proposed legislation.
- Emergency "go-kits" containing required forms.
- Fill-in-the-blank forms for court pleadings in the event the Secretary were to seek suspension of a statutory requirement.

Special request: Does your department have an elections-related "go-kit?" Where is your go-kit stored? Do you have a list of materials for your go-kit to share with other

counties? Do you store forms in your go-kit? [Please share](#) your tips and techniques for emergency preparedness. Thank you!

Resource | EAC Newsline

Want to stay up-to-date on the activities of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC)? [Sign up](#) to receive the *EAC Newsline* with information on EAC activities including public meetings, webcasts, reports, and grants.

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