

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1998 - 202

CLEARANCES		Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.:	County Council	5/13/98		5/19/98	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	KNF	5/21/98			
Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Resolution supporting voter registration law reform

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N	Requested Date:
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RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1998 - 202 5/19/98: Approved 5 - 0. Res. #98-026

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res. # 98-026

SPONSORED BY: Consent

2 PROPOSED BY: Consent

3 INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/19/98

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5 RESOLUTION NO. 98-026

6 SUPPORTING VOTER REGISTRATION LAW REFORM

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9 WHEREAS, Federal and State laws mandate what information is required by the county
10 auditor in order to place a voter registration applicant on the voter registration rolls, and

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12 WHEREAS, the information required by the State includes an applicant's name,
13 complete residence address, date of birth, a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the
14 United States, and a signature attesting to the truth of the information provided on the
15 application; and

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17 WHEREAS, any other information supplied is considered ancillary and can not be used
18 as grounds for not registering an applicant to vote; and

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20 WHEREAS, current voter registration laws do not require that applicants provide
21 identification verifying any of the information provided on the voter registration application; and

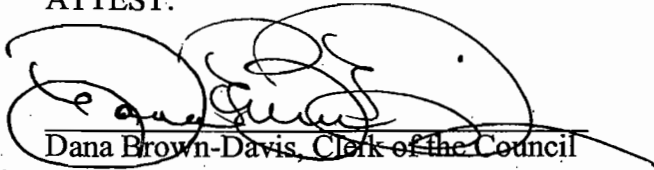
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23 WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council believes an applicant should be required to
24 verify all information provided on an application in order to prevent duplicate or fraudulent voter
25 registrations.

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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council unanimously
28 supports voter registration law reform to include mandates requiring proof of U.S. citizenship
29 and residency upon application for voter registration.

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31 APPROVED this 19 day of May, 1998.

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35 ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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38 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


39 Robert Imhof, Council Chair

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41 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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44 Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor
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