

# WASHINGTON VOTING JUSTICE COALITION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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## SB 5890 BALLOT SIGNATURE CURING

Sponsor: Sen. Javier Valdez



We believe that every vote should count, no matter your race, age, or income. Unfortunately, Washington disproportionately **rejects** ballots of people of color and young voters for signature issues. If we create a standardized process for voters to be notified about and correct their ballot errors, we can make sure every voice is heard.

You are more likely to get your ballot rejected if you are a young voter, newer voter, non-English speaker, or a voter of color.

To reduce rejections and make fixing issues easier for voters, this bill will require elections offices to:

- Notify voters and provide instructions for fixing missing signatures or mismatches.
- Update their standards and training used to verify signatures.
- Make outreach plans to educate voters, especially for communities with high ballot rejection rates.

This bill also lays the groundwork for more reforms, like a single, accessible ballot envelope design for the state, and more accessible options for fixing errors over text or online.

## WHO WE ARE

The Washington Voting Justice Coalition is committed to protecting and expanding voting rights across the state. We're a coalition of community-based organizations and individuals who believe that justice, participation, and the freedom to vote are the foundation of a real democracy. We believe that our vote is our instrument of change, and our tool to have a voice in our government.

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