WASHINGTON VOTING JUSTICE COALITION
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025

SB 5077
EXPAND AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

Sponsor: Javier Valdez

Automatic voter registration at the DMV already helps many Washingtonians become voters, but there are still over a million eligible citizens who are not yet registered. By expanding automatic voter registration options when people get their citizenship, apply for healthcare, and return home from prison, we can ensure every Washingtonian has our voice heard, and lower historical barriers for voters of color and low-income voters.

HB 1448
WA VOICES

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), where you can rank candidates on your ballot, allows us to vote our conscience and elect leaders who truly represent our communities. Although many places in our state are already adopting RCV, there are no statewide standards to ensure that it will be implemented right. The Washington VOICES Act will make sure that all communities that choose Ranked Choice Voting will provide voters the same high-quality, accessible voting experience that we are used to in Washington.

HB 1146
BALLOT ACCESS IN JAILS

Sponsor: Tarra Simmons

We believe every citizen should have an equal opportunity to vote, no matter their race, income, or circumstances. However, although almost all voters in jail are eligible to vote, they lack the same access to the internet, ballot return services, and other critical voting resources that other citizens enjoy. By setting basic requirements for ballot access and voter information in jails, we can ensure that people awaiting trial or serving short sentences can make their voices heard.

HB 1223
PREVENTING FRIVOLOUS VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGES

Washingtonians are free from most anti-voter tactics that plague people in other states, like illegitimate purges of voter rolls. Unfortunately, certain bad actors across the nation have begun challenging voter registrations en masse to strip unsuspecting citizens of their vote. To protect voters and elections officials, Washington can set standards to ensure all challenges are legitimate, and that voters are notified about issues with their registrations.

OTHER LEGISLATION WE SUPPORT:

- **Strengthening our state Voting Rights Act**
  - Requiring preclearance to prevent discriminatory systems
  - Expanding language access
  - Preventing voter suppression and vote denial

- **Allowing local elections in higher-turnout even years**

- **Restoring voting rights to incarcerated citizens**

- **Protecting incarcerated citizens who participate in civic life**

- **Making Election Day a state holiday**

Contact: info@wavotingjustice.org

WASHINGTON VOTING JUSTICE