

RESOLUTION NO. 48-05
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT MASON COUNTY ELECTIONS BY MAIL BALLOT

WHEREAS, RCW 29A.48.010 was amended to read "(1) With express authorization from the county legislative authority, the county auditor may conduct all primary, special, and general elections entirely by mail ballot... ."

WHEREAS, Mason County conducted an advisory ballot in the fall of 2004 resulting with 82% of the votes being in favor of conducting elections in Mason County by mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, 70% of Mason County voters currently vote by absentee ballots in all elections; and

WHEREAS, 80% of the taxing districts in Mason County have been requesting that all special elections be conducted by mail ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires the acquisition of Direct Recording Electronics (DREs) in every polling location; and

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase DREs for every polling location would create a direct unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Auditor concurs it would be in the best interest of Mason County to conduct all elections by mail ballot and this action will allow Mason County to maintain provisional ballots at the local level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Mason County Commissioners authorizes the Mason County Auditor to undertake any and all actions required to conduct all Mason County elections by mail in accordance with state law.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2005.

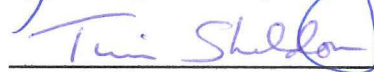
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Opposed

Jayni L. Kamin, Chairperson



Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner



Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

MASON COUNTY AUDITOR


Al Brotche, Auditor

C: Auditor