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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1278

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "and A. Washington" and substitute "<u>, A. Washington</u>, and Ali".

On page 2, after line 8, insert:

"(3) "PREVIOUS COMPARABLE GENERAL ELECTION" MEANS:

- (I) IN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD 4 YEARS EARLIER; AND
- (II) IN A GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION YEAR, THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION HELD 4 YEARS EARLIER.";

in line 9, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)"; and in line 29, strike "AND".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 6, inclusive, and substitute:

- "(II) AT LEAST 1% OF THE STATEWIDE TOTAL OF EARLY VOTES, INCLUDING AT LEAST A MINIMUM NUMBER OF EARLY VOTES IN EACH COUNTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD; AND
- (III) A NUMBER OF VOTES EQUAL TO AT LEAST 1% OF THE STATEWIDE TOTAL IN THE PREVIOUS COMPARABLE GENERAL ELECTION OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, INCLUDING AT LEAST A MINIMUM NUMBER OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN EACH COUNTY, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD:

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- 1. ABSENTEE VOTES; AND
- **2.** PROVISIONAL VOTES.".