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Synopsis: Special election resolutions are due on December 29, 2007. Instructions for Presidential Primary will differ from other partisan primaries.

Whenever a Presidential Primary is held in our state, the special election date for that month becomes the same date as the primary. With the exception of diking, drainage, and flood control districts, the special election date is February 19.

Because this is a "primary" there may be some confusion about the deadline for this election. The answer is found in the statutes which define election dates and resolution deadlines, RCW 29A.04.321 and RCW 29A.04.330.

In Section (3) of both statutes, it is clear the primary deadline only applies to the August Primary date. This makes the resolution deadline for special elections 52 days prior to February 19. All special district resolutions will be due by December 29, 2007.

Please remember: As you develop ballot materials for this election, the instructions will be different from regular partisan primaries and special elections. For instance, a statement telling the voter that no record will be made of their party choice is not true for the Presidential Primary.

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