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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; and adding a new section to chapter  
2 29.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.04 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 If during a primary or special or general election access to a  
7 polling place is obstructed so that voters cannot gain access to the  
8 polling place and that access is obstructed for more than one hour, the  
9 county auditor may reopen voting at the polling place or both reopen  
10 polling and move the polling place for the voters who would ordinarily  
11 have used the inaccessible polling place. The reopening of polling may  
12 be for no longer than access to the polling place was obstructed. If  
13 the county auditor reopens polling under this section, neither the  
14 auditor nor another person may divulge the tally of votes on an office  
15 or measure that would have been voted on at the inaccessible polling  
16 place until the reopened polling is closed. The reopening of polling  
17 may be conducted on dates or hours other than those established for the  
18 primary or election that was being conducted when the inaccessibility

1 occurred. The reopening may not occur later than the day prior to the  
2 date on which the results of the primary or election must be certified.  
3 This section does not apply to a general election in a polling  
4 place in which a federal office is being voted upon.

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