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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Esser, Kline, Weinstein, Poulsen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Keiser and Spanel)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing home rule charter cities the ability
2 to choose their election system; and amending RCW 29A.52.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.52.210 and 2003 c 111 s 1305 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 All city and town primaries shall be nonpartisan. Primaries for
7 special purpose districts, except those districts that require
8 ownership of property within the district as a prerequisite to voting,
9 shall be nonpartisan. City, town, and district primaries shall be held
10 as provided in RCW (~~29A.04.310~~) 29A.04.311, except where the charter
11 of a first class city provides for a ranked voting system, in which
12 case a primary election is not necessary.

13 The purpose of this section is to establish the holding of a
14 primary, subject to the exemptions in RCW 29A.52.220, as a uniform
15 procedural requirement to the holding of city, town, and district
16 elections, except where the charter of a first class city provides for
17 a ranked voting system. These provisions supersede any and all other
18 statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different
19 election requirements.

1 If a first class city provides for a ranked voting system in its
2 charter, the secretary of state shall assist the county auditor with
3 implementation of the ranked voting system.

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