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Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"**Sec.**  RCW 29A.24.131 and 2011 c 349 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy at any time before the close of business on the Monday following the last day for candidates to file under RCW 29A.24.050 by filing, with the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy was filed, a signed request that his or her name not be printed on the ballot. There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of candidacy filed during special filing periods held under this title. No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate who withdraws under this section. Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to each candidate at the time he or she files.

(2) If an incumbent officeholder who has filed for reelection pursuant to RCW 29A.24.050 or any candidate who is the only member of his or her party who has filed for election to the office later withdraws his or her candidacy pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, declarations of candidacy may be filed for that office until the close of business on the Thursday following the last day for candidates to withdraw described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If another incumbent officeholder or candidate who is the only member of his or her party who has filed for election to a particular office chooses to file for the office being vacated pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, declarations of candidacy may be filed for that officeholder's own office until the close of business on the Thursday following the last day for candidates to withdraw described in subsection (1) of this section."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "candidacy;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 29A.24.131."

EFFECT: (1) Allows candidates to withdraw a declaration of candidacy up to the close of business on the Monday after the filing period.

(2) If an incumbent officeholder or candidate who is the only member of that party who has filed for the office withdraws a declaration of candidacy, reopens the filing window for that office until the close of business on the Thursday after the filing period.

(3) If another incumbent officeholder or candidate who is the only member of that party who has filed for the office files for the first office, the filing window for that subsequent office is reopened until the close of business on the Thursday after the filing period.