SENATE BILL 6105

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By Senators Patterson and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to costs of primaries; and adding a new section to 2 chapter 29.18 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.18 RCW 5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In no circumstance will any state, county, city, or town public 7 funds be spent on a primary if a public declaration of party 8 affiliation is required before a voter may participate in the primary. 9 This section does not apply to presidential primaries under chapter 10 29.19 RCW.

(2) A public declaration of party affiliation includes, but is not limited to, requiring voters to register their party affiliation, requiring a public declaration of affiliation so a voter may participate in the primary, requiring a voter to sign a pledge to support the political parties before a voter may participate in a primary, registering a voter with a party when the voter selects a

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- 1 political party's ballot at a primary, or recording a voter's choice of
- 2 party ballot at the primary.

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