
SENATE BILL 6176

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1 AN ACT Relating to primary elections; reenacting RCW 29.18.200 and
2 29.30.005; creating a new section; and providing for submission of this
3 act to a vote of the people.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that any rights
6 political parties have in the choosing of candidates is implicit in the
7 sovereign citizens' expressed choice. The legislature further finds
8 that the citizens of Washington are satisfied with the blanket primary
9 election system and reject any attack on that system by political
10 parties, courts, legislators, or administrators. Washington's blanket
11 primary election system is hereby reenacted and affirmed.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.18.200 and 1990 c 59 s 88 are each reenacted to
13 read as follows:

14 Except as provided otherwise in chapter 29.19 RCW, all properly
15 registered voters may vote for their choice at any primary held under
16 this title, for any candidate for each office, regardless of political
17 affiliation and without a declaration of political faith or adherence
18 on the part of the voter.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.30.005 and 1990 c 59 s 93 are each reenacted to
2 read as follows:

3 Except for the candidates for the positions of president and vice-
4 president or for a partisan or nonpartisan office for which no primary
5 is required, the names of all candidates who have filed for nomination
6 under chapter 29.18 RCW and those independent candidates and candidates
7 of minor political parties who have been nominated under chapter 29.24
8 RCW shall appear on the appropriate ballot at the primary throughout
9 the jurisdiction in which they are to be nominated.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The secretary of state shall submit this act
11 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the
12 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with
13 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to
14 facilitate its operation.

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