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Government Operations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to holding a primary for county offices; and
2 amending RCW 29A.52.112.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.52.112 and 2013 c 11 s 50 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A primary is a first stage in the public process by which
7 voters elect candidates to public office.

8 (2) Whenever candidates for a partisan office are to be elected,
9 the general election must be preceded by a primary conducted under this
10 chapter. Based upon votes cast at the primary, the top two candidates
11 will be certified as qualified to appear on the general election
12 ballot, unless only one candidate qualifies as provided in RCW
13 29A.36.170.

14 (3) No primary may be held for any single county partisan office to
15 fill an unexpired term if, after the last day allowed for candidates to
16 withdraw, only one candidate has filed for the position.

17 (4) For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party
18 preference on the declaration of candidacy, then that preference will
19 be shown after the name of the candidate on the primary and general

1 election ballots as set forth in rules of the secretary of state. A
2 candidate may choose to express no party preference. Any party
3 preferences are shown for the information of voters only and may in no
4 way limit the options available to voters.

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