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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

97-06-07 Request by Secretary of State Ralph Munro

1. Under what circumstances does a major political party cease to be a major political party under RCW 29.01.090? Does your answer vary if the party originally qualifies based on the performance of a candidate for an office other than the United States senator, but in the next even-year general election United States senator is the only office listed in RCW 29.01.090 that appears on the ballot?
2. For any newly qualified major political party, at what time and by what mechanism are precinct committee officers selected?
3. If the party does not organize pursuant to chapter 29.42 RCW, may the newly qualified major political party perform any of the functions provided by law to be performed by the county or state committee prior to doing so?
4. Do the provisions of RCW 29.45.010(4) restrict membership on a three-person election board to members of the two parties whose candidates for president polled the greatest and the next greatest number of votes in that county?
5. If a county auditor decides to appoint additional clerks to the election board, pursuant to RCW 29.45.020, what must be the partisan affiliation of the inspector, two judges, and any clerks if there are more than two major political parties? Does your answer with regard to the political affiliation of board members depend upon whether the county chair has provided a list of names to the auditor?
6. What must be the partisan affiliation of ballot pick up and delivery teams, pursuant to RCW 29.54.037, if there are more than two major political parties?