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1 AN ACT Relating to the presidential preference primary; amending
2 RCW 29.13.047 and 29.19.050; and repealing RCW 29.19.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.13.047 and 1985 c 45 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Whenever state officers or measures are voted upon at a state
7 primary or general election held in an odd-numbered year under RCW
8 29.13.010, the state of Washington shall assume a prorated share of the
9 costs of that state primary or general election.

10 (2) Whenever a primary or vacancy election is held to fill a
11 vacancy in the position of United States senator or United States
12 representative under chapter 29.68 RCW, the state of Washington shall
13 assume a prorated share of the costs of that primary or vacancy
14 election.

15 (3) Whenever a presidential preference primary election is held
16 under chapter 29.19 RCW, the state of Washington shall assume all costs
17 of holding the election if it is held alone. If any other election or
18 elections are held at the same time, the state is liable only for its
19 prorated share.

1 (4) The county auditor shall apportion the state's share of these
2 expenses when prorating election costs under RCW 29.13.045 and shall
3 file such expense claims with the secretary of state.

4 (~~((4))~~) (5) The secretary of state shall include in his or her
5 biennial budget requests sufficient funds to carry out this section.
6 Reimbursements for election costs shall be from appropriations
7 specifically provided by law for that purpose.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.19.050 and 1989 c 4 s 5 are each amended to read as
9 follows:

10 Insofar as is practicable, and where the provisions of this chapter
11 do not specifically indicate otherwise, the presidential preference
12 primary shall be conducted in the same manner as a state partisan
13 primary, including the certification of the election returns by the
14 secretary of state. The requirement of rotation of names on the ballot
15 does not apply to the candidates listed on the presidential preference
16 primary ballot. County auditors may combine and consolidate two or
17 more precincts for the purpose of conducting the presidential
18 preference primary only if precinct vote totals for the primary can
19 still be made available and the consolidation does not require a voter
20 to go to a location different from that of the last regular election.

21 Each person desiring to vote in the presidential preference primary
22 shall (~~receive a ballot request form on which the voter shall sign his~~
23 ~~or her name and address and declare~~) orally request the ballot for the
24 party primary in which he or she wishes to participate. No record may
25 be made of which party's ballot a voter receives and no voter may
26 receive more than one ballot.

27 (~~The secretary shall prescribe rules for providing each party~~
28 ~~central committee a list of the voters who participated in the~~
29 ~~presidential primary of that party.~~

30 ~~The signed ballot request forms shall be maintained in the~~
31 ~~centralized containers by the county auditor for a period of time as~~
32 ~~specified by rule of the secretary of state, after which time they~~
33 ~~shall be destroyed, unless otherwise directed by federal law.))~~

34 At a presidential preference primary, a voter may cast no more than
35 one vote on a ballot. Any presidential preference primary ballot with
36 more than one vote is void, and notice to this effect, couched in
37 clear, simple language, and printed in large type, shall appear on the
38 face of each presidential preference primary ballot. Where voting

1 machines or electronic voting devices are in use, the notice shall be
2 displayed on or about each machine or device.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.19.080 and 1989 c 4 s 8 are each
4 repealed.

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