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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 ESB 6183 - H AMD TO H AMD (AMH-2704.1)
3 By Representative

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5 On page 22, after line 19 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of
7 this act, a major party's nominees for partisan offices shall be
8 determined at a primary by votes for candidates affiliated with that
9 party cast by voters who choose to affiliate with that party and by
10 voters who choose not to affiliate with any major political party.

11 (2) If subsection (1) of this section is declared invalid by a
12 court of competent jurisdiction, this subsection (2) shall apply.

13 (a) The legislature finds that Washington state citizens have a
14 fundamental interest in having those state officials and legislators,
15 who are elected to office as members of a major political party,
16 participate in their party's decision whether to allow votes cast by
17 voters who choose not to affiliate with any other major political party
18 be used in part to determine the party's nominees for partisan offices.
19 State officials and legislators who are elected to public office as
20 members of a major political party are the core of their parties. They
21 are the persons voters consider most closely associated with their
22 party. A compelling state interest exists in having these state
23 officials and legislators actually participate in making the decision
24 whether votes by nonaffiliated voters should be used in part to
25 determine the party's nominees. This decision has both private
26 associational aspects as well as fundamental public policy aspects.
27 Crossover voting between persons associated with different major
28 political parties would not be allowed under this proposal.

29 (b) The body of a major political party empowered to adopt or
30 repeal a rule under section 9 of this act, establishing whether votes
31 cast by voters who are not affiliated with a major political party are
32 used to determine the nominees of that party, must be composed of only
33 the following persons: (i) The members of the state central committee
34 specified in RCW 29.42.020; (ii) each state official of the executive
35 department, other than the superintendent of public instruction, who
36 indicated that major party designation when filing a declaration of

1 candidacy for election to his or her current term of office; and (iii)
2 each state legislator who indicated that major party designation when
3 filing a declaration of candidacy for election to his or her current
4 term of office.

5 A meeting of this body must be held no later than fifteen days
6 before the date under section 9(6) of this act by which a rule must be
7 adopted or repealed to be effective that year, which for 2001 must be
8 no later than fifteen days after the effective date of this act."

9 Renumber the sections following consecutively, correct internal
10 references accordingly, and correct the title.

11 On page 22, line 36 of the amendment, strike "and 8 through 13" and
12 insert "8 through 13, and 32"

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