

ESB 5273 - H AMD 58

By Representative MacEwen

NOT ADOPTED 03/04/2019

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.56.020 and 2003 c 111 s 1402 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) On the (~~fourth~~) second Tuesday in (~~May~~) March of each
6 year in which a president of the United States is to be nominated
7 and elected, a presidential primary shall be held at which voters
8 may vote for the nominee of a major political party for the office
9 of president. The secretary of state may propose an alternative date
10 for the primary no later than the first day of August of the year
11 before the year in which a president is to be nominated and elected.

12 (2) No later than the first day of September of the year before
13 the year in which a presidential nominee is selected, the state
14 committee of any major political party that will use the primary
15 results for candidates of that party may propose an alternative date
16 for that primary.

17 (3) If an alternative date is proposed under subsection (1) or
18 (2) of this section, a committee consisting of the chair and the
19 vice chair of the state committee of each major political party, the
20 secretary of state, the majority leader and minority leader of the
21 senate, and the speaker and the minority leader of the house of
22 representatives shall meet and, if affirmed by a two-thirds vote of
23 the members of the committee, the date of the primary shall be
24 changed. The committee shall meet and decide on the proposed
25 alternate date not later than the first day of October of the year
26 before the year in which a presidential nominee is selected. The
27 secretary of state shall convene and preside over the meeting of the

1 committee. A committee member other than a legislator may appoint,
2 in writing, a designee to serve on his or her behalf. A legislator
3 who is a member of the committee may appoint, in writing, another
4 legislator to serve on his or her behalf.

5 (4) If an alternate date is approved under this section, the
6 secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to adjust
7 the deadlines in RCW 29A.56.030 and related provisions of this
8 chapter to correspond with the date that has been approved."

EFFECT: Removes all changes in the underlying bill, except for
the change in the date of the presidential primary.

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