
HOUSE BILL 2623

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By Representative Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the clarification of definitions regarding
2 elections; and amending RCW 29.01.090 and 29.01.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.01.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 329 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 "Major political party" means a political party of which at least
7 one nominee for the office of president((τ)) or vice president((τ)) of
8 the United States or of United States senator((τ)) or for a state-wide
9 office received at least five percent of the total vote cast at the
10 last preceding state general election conducted in an even-numbered
11 year(~~(:— PROVIDED, That any political party qualifying as a major~~
12 ~~political party under the previous subsection (2) or subsection (3) of~~
13 ~~this section prior to its 1977 amendment shall retain such status until~~
14 ~~after the next state general election following June 30, 1977))~~ for the
15 office.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.01.180 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 120 s 14 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

1 "Short term" (~~means~~) for a nonpartisan office refers to the brief
2 period of time starting upon the completion of the certification of
3 (election) returns of an election to fill a full term for the office
4 and ending with the start of the full term (~~on the second Tuesday of~~
5 ~~the next January immediately following the election and is applicable~~
6 ~~only when~~) for the office. A short term for a nonpartisan office
7 exists only if the office concerned is (~~being~~) held on the date of
8 the election by an appointee to fill a vacancy (~~which occurred after~~
9 ~~the last election, at which such office could have been voted upon for~~
10 ~~an unexpired term, prior to the election for such office for the~~
11 ~~subsequent full term~~) in the office. A short term does not exist for
12 the office of school district director.

13 "Short term" for a partisan office refers to the brief period of
14 time starting upon the completion of the certification of the returns
15 of an election to fill a full term for the office and ending with the
16 start of the full term for the office. A short term in a partisan
17 office exists if a vacancy exists in the office on the date the
18 election is held or if the office is, on the date of that election,
19 held by a person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office.

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