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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 29.15.120 and 1994 c 223 s 6 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) A partisan candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of
10 candidacy at any time before the close of business on the Thursday
11 following the last day for candidates to file under RCW 29.15.020 by
12 filing, with the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy was
13 filed, a signed request that his or her name not be printed on the
14 ballot. There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of
15 candidacy filed during special filing periods held under this title.

16 (2) The filing officer may permit the withdrawal of a filing for
17 the office of precinct committee officer (~~(at the)~~) on receipt of a
18 signed request of the candidate at any time if no absentee ballots have
19 been issued for that office and the general election ballots for that
20 precinct have not been printed.

21 (3) The filing officer may permit the withdrawal of a filing for
22 any elected office of a city, town, or special district (~~(at the)~~) on
23 receipt of a signed request of the candidate at any time before a
24 primary if the primary ballots for that city, town, or special district
25 have not been ordered.

26 (4) An independent candidate for a partisan office who is not
27 nominated under chapter 29.24 RCW may withdraw his or her declaration
28 of candidacy at any time before a primary if the primary ballots for
29 that office have not been ordered, by filing with the officer with whom
30 the declaration of candidacy was filed, a signed request that his or
31 her name not appear on the primary ballot. An independent candidate
32 for a partisan office who is qualified under RCW 29.30.095 to appear on
33 the general election ballot, may withdraw his or her candidacy at any
34 time before the close of business on the second Friday after the
35 primary, by filing with the officer with whom the declaration of

1 candidacy was filed, a signed request that his or her name not appear
2 on the general election ballot.

3 (5) If a written request to withdraw from a primary or election is
4 filed within the time limits established by this section, the
5 candidate's name shall not appear on the subsequent primary or general
6 election ballot. No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate who
7 withdraws under this section. Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of
8 candidacy and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to
9 each candidate at the time he or she files."

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13 In line 1 of the title, after "candidates;" strike the remainder of
14 the title and insert "and amending RCW 29.15.120."

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