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Sponsor(s): Representatives Ogden and Talcott

Brief Description: Enacting an open private choice primary.

HB 2265 - DIGEST

Declares an intent of the legislature to create a primary for all partisan elected offices, except for president and vice president, precinct committee officer, and offices exempted from the primary under RCW 29.15.150, that: (1) Allows each voter, including those who choose to be undeclared, to participate;

(2) Preserves the privacy of each voter's party affiliation, if any;

(3) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;

(4) Protects ballot access for minor political party and independent candidates;

(5) Maintains a candidate's right to self-identify with any major political party; and

(6) Upholds a political party's First Amendment right of association.

Repeals RCW 29.18.010, 29.18.120, 29.18.150, 29.18.160, 29.18.200, and 29.30.040.