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Sponsor(s): Senators Constantine, Morton, Roach, Patterson, Jacobsen, Snyder, Franklin, Kohl-Welles and Spanel

Brief Description: Revising procedures for primary elections.

**SB 6199 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent 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) Ensures that all votes will be counted;

(2) Allows each voter, including those who choose not to affiliate with any major political party, to participate;

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

(4) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;

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

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

(7) 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.