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SENATE BILL 5326

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Esser, Kline, Weinstein, Poulsen, Finkbeiner, McAuliffe, Keiser and Spanel

Read first time 01/20/2005. Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing home rule charter cities the ability  
2 to choose their election system; and amending RCW 29A.52.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.52.210 and 2003 c 111 s 1305 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 All city and town primaries shall be nonpartisan. Primaries for  
7 special purpose districts, except those districts that require  
8 ownership of property within the district as a prerequisite to voting,  
9 shall be nonpartisan. City, town, and district primaries shall be held  
10 as provided in RCW ((29A.04.310)) 29A.04.311, except where the charter  
11 of a first class city provides otherwise.

12 The purpose of this section is to establish the holding of a  
13 primary, subject to the exemptions in RCW 29A.52.220, as a uniform  
14 procedural requirement to the holding of city, town, and district  
15 elections, except where the charter of a first class city provides  
16 otherwise. These provisions supersede any and all other statutes,  
17 whether general or special in nature, having different election

1 requirements.

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