
HOUSE BILL 1526

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By Representatives Hunt, Chandler, Armstrong, Ormsby, Kenney, Linville and Moeller; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to presidential primary ballots; and amending RCW
2 29A.56.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.040 and 2003 c 111 s 1404 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except where necessary to accommodate the national or state
7 rules of a major political party or where this chapter specifically
8 provides otherwise, the presidential primary must be conducted in
9 substantially the same manner as a state partisan primary under this
10 title.

11 (2) Except as provided under this chapter or by rule of the
12 secretary of state adopted under RCW 29A.04.620, the arrangement and
13 form of presidential primary ballots must be ~~((substantially as
14 provided for a partisan primary under this title. Whenever requested
15 by a major political party, a separate ballot containing))~~ consistent
16 with RCW 29A.52.151. Only the candidates ~~((of that party))~~ who have
17 qualified under RCW 29A.56.030 ~~((must be provided for a voter who
18 requests a ballot of that party. A primary ballot, containing the~~

1 ~~names of all the candidates who have qualified for a place on the~~
2 ~~ballot under RCW 29A.56.030, must be provided for nonaffiliated~~
3 ~~voters)) may appear on the ballots.~~

4 (3) ~~((The))~~ Each party's ballot or portion of the ballot must list
5 alphabetically the names of all candidates for the office of president.
6 The ballot must clearly indicate the political party of each candidate
7 ~~((adjacent to the name of that candidate))~~. Each ballot must include
8 a blank space to allow the voter to write in the name of any other
9 candidate.

10 (4) A presidential primary ballot with votes for more than one
11 candidate is void, and notice to this effect, stated in clear, simple
12 language and printed in large type, must appear on the face of each
13 presidential primary ballot or on or about each voting device.

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