
HOUSE BILL 2185

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By Representative S. Hunt; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to cancellation of the 2016 presidential primary;
2 amending RCW 29A.56.020; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.020 and 2003 c 111 s 1402 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) On the fourth Tuesday in May of each year in which a
7 president of the United States is to be nominated and elected, a
8 presidential primary shall be held at which voters may vote for the
9 nominee of a major political party for the office of president. The
10 secretary of state may propose an alternative date for the primary no
11 later than the first day of August of the year before the year in
12 which a president is to be nominated and elected.

13 (2) No later than the first day of September of the year before
14 the year in which a presidential nominee is selected, the state
15 committee of any major political party that will use the primary
16 results for candidates of that party may propose an alternative date
17 for that primary.

18 (3) If an alternative date is proposed under subsection (1) or
19 (2) of this section, a committee consisting of the chair and the vice
20 chair of the state committee of each major political party, the
21 secretary of state, the majority leader and minority leader of the

1 senate, and the speaker and the minority leader of the house of
2 representatives shall meet and, if affirmed by a two-thirds vote of
3 the members of the committee, the date of the primary shall be
4 changed. The committee shall meet and decide on the proposed
5 alternate date not later than the first day of October of the year
6 before the year in which a presidential nominee is selected. The
7 secretary of state shall convene and preside over the meeting of the
8 committee. A committee member other than a legislator may appoint, in
9 writing, a designee to serve on his or her behalf. A legislator who
10 is a member of the committee may appoint, in writing, another
11 legislator to serve on his or her behalf.

12 (4) If an alternate date is approved under this section, the
13 secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to adjust
14 the deadlines in RCW 29A.56.030 and related provisions of this
15 chapter to correspond with the date that has been approved.

16 (5) No presidential primary may be held in 2016.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act expires January 1,
18 2017.

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