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By Senators Kuderer, Hunt, Conway, Lias, Sheldon, Darneille, and Mullet

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring presidential electors to vote for
2 party nominees; and amending RCW 29A.56.340 and 29A.56.350.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.340 and 2003 c 111 s 1427 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The electors of the president and vice president shall
7 convene at the seat of government on the day fixed by federal
8 statute, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon of that day. If there is
9 any vacancy in the office of an elector occasioned by death, refusal
10 to act, neglect to attend, disqualification under subsection (2) of
11 this section, or otherwise, the remaining electors present shall
12 immediately proceed to fill it by voice vote, and plurality of votes.
13 When all of the electors have appeared and the vacancies have been
14 filled, including any vacancies due to disqualification under
15 subsection (2) of this section, they shall constitute the college of
16 electors of the state of Washington, and shall proceed to perform the
17 duties required of them by the Constitution and laws of the United
18 States. (~~Any elector who votes for a person or persons not nominated~~
19 ~~by the party of which he or she is an elector is subject to a civil~~
20 ~~penalty of up to one thousand dollars.))~~

1 (2) Every elector shall vote for the persons nominated by the
2 party which has nominated the elector under RCW 29A.56.320. Any
3 elector who fails to vote for the persons nominated by the party is
4 immediately disqualified, and the remaining electors shall
5 immediately fill the vacancy as provided in subsection (1) of this
6 section. The elector chosen to fill the vacancy shall vote for the
7 persons nominated by the party which has nominated the remaining
8 electors, and if that elector fails to do so the remaining electors
9 shall immediately fill the vacancy thus created as provided in
10 subsection (1) of this section.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.56.350 and 2013 c 38 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Every presidential elector who attends at the time and place
14 appointed, and gives his or her vote for president and vice president
15 as required under RCW 29A.56.340, is entitled to receive from this
16 state a subsistence allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW
17 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 for each day's attendance at the meeting of
18 the college of electors. This section does not apply to an elector
19 disqualified under RCW 29A.56.340(2).

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