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1 AN ACT Relating to a primary voters' pamphlet; amending RCW
2 29.80.040 and 29.80.060; and adding new sections to chapter 29.80 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.80 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 As soon as possible before each state primary election at which
7 nominees for federal or state offices are to be elected, the secretary
8 of state shall publish and mail to each individual place of residence
9 of the state a candidates' pamphlet containing photographs and campaign
10 statements of candidates who desire to be included in the pamphlet,
11 together with a campaign mailing address and telephone number submitted
12 by the candidate at the candidate's option. In odd-numbered years the
13 secretary of state shall not publish a candidates' pamphlet unless a
14 special election is to be held to fill a vacancy in a federal or state
15 office.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 29.80 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 At a time prescribed by the secretary of state, each candidate for
2 nomination for a federal or state office may file with the secretary of
3 state a written statement and photograph in accordance with RCW
4 29.80.020.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29.80 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The provisions of RCW 29.80.030 regarding rejection of statements,
8 RCW 29.80.050 regarding charges to nominees, RCW 29.80.080 regarding
9 tape and braille transcripts, and RCW 29.80.090 regarding additional
10 information in pamphlets, apply to preparation and publication of the
11 primary election pamphlet.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29.80.040 and 1984 c 54 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The nominees' statements, photographs, and the addresses and
15 telephone numbers submitted by them as set forth in RCW 29.80.010
16 (~~and~~), 29.80.020, and section 2 of this act shall be published by the
17 secretary of state as a candidates' pamphlet, the printing of which
18 shall be completed as soon as possible before the state primary or
19 general election concerned. The overall dimensions of the pamphlet
20 shall be determined by the secretary of state as those which in the
21 secretary's judgment best serve the voters, and whenever possible the
22 candidates' pamphlet shall be combined with the voters' pamphlet as a
23 single publication.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 29.80.060 and 1965 c 9 s 29.80.060 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Whenever practical, the secretary of state shall cause the
27 pamphlets to be printed so that no candidate's picture or statement
28 shall be included in the copy of the pamphlet going to any county where
29 such candidate is not to be voted for.

30 The candidates' photographs and statements shall appear in the
31 pamphlet in the same sequence as the positions sought appear on the
32 state primary or general election ballot.

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