
SENATE BILL 5065

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By Senator Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to election of prosecuting attorneys; and amending
2 RCW 29A.04.110, 29A.52.111, and 29A.52.231.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.04.110 and 2005 c 2 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 "Partisan office" means a public office for which a candidate may
7 indicate a political party preference on his or her declaration of
8 candidacy and have that preference appear on the primary and general
9 election ballot in conjunction with his or her name. The following are
10 partisan offices:

- 11 (1) United States senator and United States representative;
12 (2) All state offices, including legislative, except (a) judicial
13 offices; and (b) the office of superintendent of public instruction;
14 (3) All county offices except (a) judicial offices (~~(and)~~); (b) the
15 prosecuting attorney; and (c) those offices for which a county home
16 rule charter provides otherwise.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.52.111 and 2004 c 271 s 173 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

1 Candidates for the following offices shall be nominated at partisan
2 primaries held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter:

3 (1) Congressional offices;

4 (2) All state offices except (a) judicial offices; and (b) the
5 office of superintendent of public instruction;

6 (3) All county offices except (a) judicial offices (~~and~~); (b) the
7 prosecuting attorney; and (c) those offices where a county home rule
8 charter provides otherwise.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.52.231 and 2004 c 271 s 174 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The offices of superintendent of public instruction, justice of the
12 supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the superior
13 court, (~~and~~) judge of the district court, and prosecuting attorney
14 shall be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and
15 elected as such.

16 All city, town, and special purpose district elective offices shall
17 be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and
18 elected as such.

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