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By Representative Caldier

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of a voter's party affiliation  
2 declaration with respect to the presidential primary; and amending  
3 RCW 29A.56.050.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.050 and 2003 c 111 s 1405 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A major political party may, under national or state party  
8 rules, base the allocation of delegates from this state to the  
9 national nominating convention of that party in whole or in part on  
10 the results of the presidential primary and on the participation in  
11 precinct caucuses and conventions conducted under the rules of that  
12 party.

13 (2) If requested by a major political party, the secretary of  
14 state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to provide for any  
15 declaration required by that party.

16 (3) Voters who subscribe to a specific political party  
17 declaration under this section must be given ballots that are readily  
18 distinguishable from those given to other voters. Votes cast by  
19 persons making these declarations must be tabulated and reported  
20 separately from other votes cast at the primary and may be used by a

1 major political party in its allocation of delegates under the rules  
2 of that party.

3 (4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, for a political  
4 party that requires a specific voter declaration under this section,  
5 the secretary of state shall prescribe rules for providing, to the  
6 state and county committees of that political party, a copy of the  
7 declarations or a list of the voters who participated in the  
8 presidential nominating process of that party.

9 (5) The secretary of state may only provide voter declaration  
10 information to state and county committees of major political parties  
11 if a major political party submits documentation to the secretary by  
12 October 1st of the year preceding the presidential election that the  
13 party will use the results of the presidential primary when  
14 allocating delegates to the national nominating convention of that  
15 party.

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