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1 AN ACT Relating to the presidential preference primary; and  
2 amending RCW 29.19.030, 29.19.040, and 29.19.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.19.030 and 1989 c 4 s 3 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 The name of any candidate for a major political party nomination  
7 for president of the United States shall be printed on the presidential  
8 preference primary ballot (~~(of a major political party)~~) only:

9 (1) By direction of the secretary of state, who in the secretary's  
10 sole discretion has determined that the candidate's candidacy is  
11 generally advocated or is recognized in national news media; or

12 (2) If members of the political party of the candidate have  
13 presented a petition for nomination of the candidate that has attached  
14 to the petition a sheet or sheets containing the signatures of at least

1 one thousand registered voters who declare themselves in the petition  
2 as being affiliated with the same political party as the presidential  
3 candidate. The petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not  
4 later than the thirty-ninth day before the presidential preference  
5 primary. The signature sheets shall also contain the residence address  
6 and name or number of the precinct of each registered voter whose  
7 signature appears thereon and shall be certified in the manner  
8 prescribed in RCW 29.79.200 and 29.79.210.

9 The secretary of state shall place the name of the candidate on the  
10 ballot unless the candidate, at least thirty-five days before the  
11 presidential preference primary, executes and files with the secretary  
12 of state an affidavit stating without qualification that he or she is  
13 not now and will not become a candidate for the office of president of  
14 the United States at the forthcoming presidential election. The  
15 secretary of state shall certify the names of all candidates who will  
16 appear on the presidential preference primary ballot to the respective  
17 county auditors on or before the fourth Tuesday in April of each  
18 presidential election year.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.19.040 and 1989 c 4 s 4 are each amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 The arrangement and form of the presidential primary ballot(~~(s)~~)  
22 shall be substantially as provided for any primary election within the  
23 state except as may be modified by this chapter or by rule of the  
24 secretary of state as provided for in RCW 29.19.070 to adequately  
25 reflect the intent of this chapter.

26 A (~~separate~~) single ballot shall be prepared for (~~each major~~)  
27 all political (~~party~~) parties that (~~has~~) have candidates whose  
28 names have been authorized for placement on the presidential preference  
29 primary ballot(~~(s)~~) under RCW 29.19.030. The names of all candidates

1 for a party's nomination for the office of president shall be listed  
2 alphabetically in a column on ~~((that party's))~~ the ballot. There shall  
3 be a printed box adjacent to the name of each candidate. A blank space  
4 to allow the voter to write in the name of another candidate shall also  
5 be included on ~~((each))~~ the ballot.

6 The ballot, in providing for a choice of candidates for the office  
7 of president, shall set forth only those candidates, with their  
8 political party affiliation, who have qualified for a place on the  
9 ballot under RCW 29.19.030.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.19.050 and 1989 c 4 s 5 are each amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 Insofar as is practicable, and where the provisions of this chapter  
13 do not specifically indicate otherwise, the presidential preference  
14 primary shall be conducted in the same manner as a state partisan  
15 primary, including the certification of the election returns by the  
16 secretary of state. The requirement of rotation of names on the ballot  
17 does not apply to the candidates listed on the presidential preference  
18 primary ballot. County auditors may combine and consolidate two or  
19 more precincts for the purpose of conducting the presidential  
20 preference primary only if precinct vote totals for the primary can  
21 still be made available and the consolidation does not require a voter  
22 to go to a location different from that of the last regular election.

23 ~~((Each person desiring to vote in the presidential preference  
24 primary shall receive a ballot request form on which the voter shall  
25 sign his or her name and address and declare the party primary in which  
26 he or she wishes to participate.~~

27 ~~The secretary shall prescribe rules for providing each party  
28 central committee a list of the voters who participated in the  
29 presidential primary of that party.~~

1       ~~The signed ballot request forms shall be maintained in the~~  
2 ~~centralized containers by the county auditor for a period of time as~~  
3 ~~specified by rule of the secretary of state, after which time they~~  
4 ~~shall be destroyed, unless otherwise directed by federal law.))~~

5       At a presidential preference primary, a voter may cast no more than  
6 one vote on ((a)) the ballot. Any presidential preference primary  
7 ballot with more than one vote is void, and notice to this effect,  
8 couched in clear, simple language, and printed in large type, shall  
9 appear on the face of ((each)) the presidential preference primary  
10 ballot. Where voting machines or electronic voting devices are in use,  
11 the notice shall be displayed on or about each machine or device.