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1 AN ACT Relating to nonpartisan sheriffs; amending RCW 29.18.010,
2 29.21.010, 29.21.015, and 29.21.070; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.18.010 and 1990 c 59 s 78 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

8 (1) Congressional offices;

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

11 (3) All county offices except (a) judicial offices, (b) sheriff,
12 except in a county for which the position is declared to be a partisan
13 office by the county's home rule charter, and ((+b)) (c) those offices
14 where a county home rule charter provides otherwise.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.21.010 and 1990 c 59 s 89 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 All city and town primaries shall be nonpartisan. Primaries for
18 special purpose districts, except those districts that require

1 ownership of property within the district as a prerequisite to voting,
2 shall be nonpartisan. Primaries for the office of county sheriff shall
3 be nonpartisan except in a county for which the position is declared
4 to be a partisan office by the county's home rule charter. City, town,
5 county sheriff, and district primaries shall be held as provided in RCW
6 29.13.070.

7 The purpose of this section is to establish the holding of a
8 primary, subject to the exemptions in RCW 29.21.015, as a uniform
9 procedural requirement to the holding of city, town, county sheriff,
10 and district elections. These provisions supersede any and all other
11 statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different
12 election requirements.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29.21.015 and 1990 c 59 s 90 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 No primary may be held for any single position in any city, town,
16 or district or for the nonpartisan position of county sheriff, as
17 required by RCW 29.21.010, if, after the last day allowed for
18 candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for
19 the position. The county auditor shall, as soon as possible, notify
20 all the candidates so affected that the office for which they filed
21 will not appear on the primary ballot. Names of candidates so notified
22 shall be printed upon the general election ballot in the manner
23 specified by RCW 29.30.025.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 29.21.070 and 1990 c 59 s 91 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 The offices of superintendent of public instruction, justice of the
27 supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the superior
28 court, and judge of the district court shall be nonpartisan and the
29 candidates therefor shall be nominated and elected as such. Except in
30 a county for which the position of sheriff is declared to be a partisan
31 office by the county's home rule charter, the office of county sheriff
32 shall be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and
33 elected as such.

34 All city, town, and special purpose district elective offices shall
35 be nonpartisan and the candidates therefor shall be nominated and
36 elected as such.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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