

1 **HB 1040 - H AMDS 040 FAILED 2-21-97**

2 By Representative Hatfield

3 On page 1, line 9, strike primary, sample,- and insert
4 sample-

5 On page 1, line 10, beginning with ~~((In- strike all the~~
6 ~~matter through place.))~~- on line 12, and insert In the case of
7 candidates for city, town, and district office, this procedure
8 shall also determine the order for candidate names on the official
9 primary ballot used at the polling place. The county auditor may
10 rotate candidates names on ballots at primaries for federal, state,
11 and county partisan offices, for the office of superintendent of
12 public instruction, and for judicial offices, as outlined in RCW
13 29.30.040.-

14 On page 1, after line 16, strike the remainder of the bill and
15 insert the following:

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.30.040 and 1990 c 59 s 94, 1977 ex.s. c 361
17 s 54, & 1965 c 9 s 29.30.040 are each amended to read as follows:

18 The county auditor may rotate ~~((At primaries,))~~ the names of
19 candidates for federal, state, and county partisan offices, for the
20 office of superintendent of public instruction, and for judicial
21 offices. If the county auditor rotates those candidates' names,
22 then they shall follow the following procedures:

23 The names of those candidates shall, for each office or
24 position, be arranged initially in the order determined under RCW
25 29.30.025. Additional sets of ballots shall be prepared in which
26 the positions of the names of all candidates for each office or
27 position shall be changed as many times as there are candidates in
28 the office or position in which there are the greatest number of
29 names. As nearly as possible an equal number of ballots shall be
30 prepared after each change. In making the changes of position
31 between each set of ballots, the candidates for each such office in
32 the first position under the office heading shall be moved to the
33 last position under that office heading, and each other name shall
34 be moved up to the position immediately above its previous position

1 under that office heading. The effect of this rotation of the
2 order of the names shall be that the name of each candidate for an
3 office or position shall appear first, second, and so forth for
4 that office or position on the ballots of a nearly equal number of
5 registered voters in that jurisdiction. In a precinct using voting
6 devices, the names of the candidates for each office shall appear
7 in only one sequence in that precinct. The names of candidates for
8 city, town, and district office on the ballot at the primary shall
9 not be rotated.-

10 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Allows county auditors to choose whether to rotate candidates names in certain primaries, or to set the order of candidates by lot.