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SENATE BILL 5046

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By Senator Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to the election of officials at general elections;  
2 and amending RCW 29.21.015 and 29.30.085.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.21.015 and 1996 c 324 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) No primary may be held for (~~any single position in any city,~~  
7 ~~town, or district, as required by RCW 29.21.010,~~) a nonpartisan office  
8 if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no  
9 more than two candidates filed for the position. The county auditor  
10 shall, as soon as possible, notify all the candidates so affected that  
11 the office for which they filed will not appear on the primary ballot.

12 (2) No primary may be held for the office of commissioner of a park  
13 and recreation district or for the office of cemetery district  
14 commissioner.

15 (3) Names of candidates for offices that do not appear on the  
16 primary ballot shall be printed upon the general election ballot in the  
17 manner specified by RCW 29.30.025.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.30.085 and 1992 c 181 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) Except as provided in RCW 29.30.086 and in subsection (2) of  
4 this section, on the ballot at the general election for a nonpartisan  
5 office for which a primary was held, only the names of the candidate  
6 who received the greatest number of votes and the candidate who  
7 received the next greatest number of votes for that office shall appear  
8 under the title of that office, and the names shall appear in that  
9 order. If a primary was conducted, no candidate's name may be printed  
10 on the subsequent general election ballot unless he or she receives at  
11 least one percent of the total votes cast for that office at the  
12 preceding primary. On the ballot at the general election for any other  
13 nonpartisan office for which no primary was held, the names of the  
14 candidates shall be listed in the order determined under RCW 29.30.025.

15       (2) (~~On the ballot at the general election for the office of~~  
16 ~~justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of~~  
17 ~~the superior court, or state superintendent of public instruction, if~~  
18 ~~a candidate in a contested primary receives a majority of all the votes~~  
19 ~~cast for that office or position, only the name of that candidate may~~  
20 ~~be printed under the title of the office for that position.)) As  
21 provided in Article IV, section 29, of the state Constitution, if after  
22 the last day for withdrawing declarations of candidacy only one person  
23 has filed as a candidate for any single position of the office of  
24 superior court judge in a county containing a population of one hundred  
25 thousand or more, a primary or general election shall not be held for  
26 that position, and a certificate of election for that office must be  
27 issued to the person who filed for that office.~~

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