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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 29.30.025 and 1990 c 59 s 80 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 After the close of business on the last day for candidates to file  
10 for office, the filing officer shall, from among those filings made in  
11 person and by mail, determine by lot the order in which the names of  
12 those candidates will appear on all primary, sample, and absentee  
13 ballots. (~~In the case of candidates for city, town, and district~~  
14 ~~office, this procedure shall also determine the order for candidate~~  
15 ~~names on the official primary ballot used at the polling place.)) The  
16 determination shall be done publicly and may be witnessed by the media  
17 and by any candidate. If no primary is required for any nonpartisan  
18 office under RCW 29.15.150 or 29.21.015, the names shall appear on the  
19 general election ballot in the order determined by lot.~~

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.30.081 and 1990 c 59 s 13 are each amended to read  
21 as follows:

22 (1) On the top of each ballot there shall be printed instructions  
23 directing the voters how to mark the ballot, including write-in votes.  
24 After the instructions and before the offices shall be placed the  
25 questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any other state  
26 measure authorized by law to be submitted to the voters at that  
27 election.

28 (2) (~~The candidate or candidates of the major political party~~  
29 ~~which received the highest number of votes from the electors of this~~  
30 ~~state for the office of president of the United States at the last~~  
31 ~~presidential election shall appear first following the appropriate~~  
32 ~~office heading, the candidate or candidates of the other major~~  
33 ~~political parties shall follow according to the votes cast for their~~  
34 ~~nominees for president at the last presidential election, and)) On the  
35 ballot at the general election for a partisan office for which a~~

1 primary was held, the name of the candidate who received the greatest  
2 number of votes in the primary shall appear first following the  
3 appropriate office heading. The names of the candidates of the other  
4 major political parties shall follow in the order of votes each  
5 candidate received in the primary. Independent candidates and the  
6 candidate or candidates of all other parties shall follow in the order  
7 of their qualification with the secretary of state.

8 (3) On the ballot at the general election for any partisan office  
9 for which no primary was held, the names of the candidates shall be  
10 listed in the order determined under RCW 29.30.025.

11 (4) The names of candidates for president and vice-president for  
12 each political party shall be grouped together with a single response  
13 position for a voter to indicate his or her choice.

14 ((+4)) (5) All paper ballots and ballot cards shall be  
15 sequentially numbered in such a way to permit removal of such numbers  
16 without leaving any identifying marks on the ballot.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 29.30.040 (Primaries--Rotating names of  
18 candidates) and 1990 c 59 s 94, 1977 ex.s. c 361 s 54, & 1965 c 9 s  
19 29.30.040 are each repealed."

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23 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "the order of candidates' names on  
25 ballots; amending RCW 29.30.025 and 29.30.081; and repealing RCW  
26 29.30.040."

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