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Sponsor(s): Senator Prentice

Brief Description: Creating an open primary with a public declaration of party affiliation.

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Provides that, for the primary, a ballot will be created for each major political party containing only that major political party's candidates for partisan office, including candidates for precinct committee officer under RCW 29.42.040. In addition, a separate ballot containing minor party candidates and independent candidates for partisan office will be created.

Provides that, for the primary, all major political party ballots and the minor party and independent candidate ballot will contain the names of all candidates for nonpartisan office and any ballot measures that have been properly certified for the ballot.

Authorizes each major political party to require that the secretary of state adopt rules to provide for any declaration of party affiliation required by that party.

Directs the secretary of state to adopt rules in accordance with this title and chapter 34.05 RCW to provide for any declaration required by a major political party and to provide for uniformity in primary ballot preparation and the recording of voter party affiliation.

Provides that, at least forty-eight hours before the certification of election results, each precinct list detailing the party ballot that each voter selected must be sent by electronic facsimile to the state chair of each major political party.

Repeals RCW 29.18.200.