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Sponsor(s): Senators Snyder, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Prentice, Horn, Jacobsen, Stevens, Constantine and Kline

Brief Description: Revising primary election law.

SB 6183.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/14/01)

Declares an intent to create a primary for all partisan elected offices, except for president and vice president, precinct committee officer, and offices exempted from the primary under RCW 29.15.150, that: (1) Allows each voter, including those who choose not to affiliate with any major political party, to participate;

(2) Preserves the privacy of each voters' party affiliation, if any;

(3) Rejects mandatory voter registration by political party;

(4) Protects ballot access for minor political party and independent candidates;

(5) Maintains a candidate's right to self-identify with any major political party; and

(6) Upholds a political party's First Amendment right of association.

Repeals RCW 29.01.160, 29.15.200, 29.18.150, 29.30.095, 29.24.010, 29.24.020, 29.24.025, 29.24.030, 29.24.035, 29.24.040, 29.24.060, 29.24.070, and 29.24.---