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SENATE BILL 5602

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By Senators Roach, Kline and Swecker; by request of Secretary of State

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Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to presidential primary ballots; and amending RCW  
2            29A.56.040.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.040 and 2003 c 111 s 1404 are each amended to  
5            read as follows:

6            (1) Except where necessary to accommodate the national or state  
7            rules of a major political party or where this chapter specifically  
8            provides otherwise, the presidential primary must be conducted in  
9            substantially the same manner as a state partisan primary under this  
10           title.

11           (2) Except as provided under this chapter or by rule of the  
12           secretary of state adopted under RCW 29A.04.620, the arrangement and  
13           form of presidential primary ballots must be ~~((substantially as  
14           provided for a partisan primary under this title. Whenever requested  
15           by a major political party, a separate ballot containing))~~ consistent  
16           with RCW 29A.52.151. Only the candidates ~~((of that party))~~ who have  
17           qualified under RCW 29A.56.030 ~~((must be provided for a voter who  
18           requests a ballot of that party. A primary ballot, containing the~~

1 ~~names of all the candidates who have qualified for a place on the~~  
2 ~~ballot under RCW 29A.56.030, must be provided for nonaffiliated~~  
3 ~~voters)) may appear on the ballots.~~

4 (3) ~~((The))~~ Each party's ballot or portion of the ballot must list  
5 alphabetically the names of all candidates for the office of president.  
6 The ballot must clearly indicate the political party of each candidate  
7 ~~((adjacent to the name of that candidate))~~. Each ballot must include  
8 a blank space to allow the voter to write in the name of any other  
9 candidate.

10 (4) A presidential primary ballot with votes for more than one  
11 candidate is void, and notice to this effect, stated in clear, simple  
12 language and printed in large type, must appear on the face of each  
13 presidential primary ballot or on or about each voting device.

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