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By Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Newhouse, Alexander, and Appleton;  
by request of Secretary of State

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Tribal Affairs.

1 AN ACT Relating to candidate filing; and amending RCW 29A.24.070  
2 and 29A.24.091.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.24.070 and 2006 c 263 s 614 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Declarations of candidacy shall be filed with the following filing  
7 officers:

8 (1) The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for  
9 statewide offices, United States senate, and United States house of  
10 representatives;

11 (2) The secretary of state for declarations of candidacy for the  
12 state legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court when  
13 the candidate is seeking office in a district comprised of voters from  
14 two or more counties(~~(. The secretary of state and the county auditor  
15 may accept declarations of candidacy for candidates for the state  
16 legislature, the court of appeals, and the superior court when the  
17 candidate is seeking office in a district comprised of voters from one  
18 county))~~);

1 (3) The county auditor for all other offices. For any nonpartisan  
2 office, other than judicial offices and school director in joint  
3 districts, where voters from a district comprising more than one county  
4 vote upon the candidates, a declaration of candidacy shall be filed  
5 with the county auditor of the county in which a majority of the  
6 registered voters of the district reside. For school directors in  
7 joint school districts, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed  
8 with the county auditor of the county designated by the superintendent  
9 of public instruction as the county to which the joint school district  
10 is considered as belonging under RCW 28A.323.040(†

11 ~~(4) For all other purposes of this title, a declaration of~~  
12 ~~candidacy for the state legislature, the court of appeals, and the~~  
13 ~~superior court filed with the secretary of state shall be deemed to~~  
14 ~~have been filed with the county auditor when the candidate is seeking~~  
15 ~~office in a district composed of voters from one county)).~~

16 Each official with whom declarations of candidacy are filed under  
17 this section, within one business day following the closing of the  
18 applicable filing period, shall transmit to the public disclosure  
19 commission the information required in RCW 29A.24.031 (1) through (4)  
20 for each declaration of candidacy filed in his or her office during  
21 such filing period or a list containing the name of each candidate who  
22 files such a declaration in his or her office during such filing period  
23 together with a precise identification of the position sought by each  
24 such candidate and the date on which each such declaration was filed.  
25 Such official, within three days following his or her receipt of any  
26 letter withdrawing a person's name as a candidate, shall also forward  
27 a copy of such withdrawal letter to the public disclosure commission.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.24.091 and 2006 c 206 s 3 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 A ( ~~filing fee of one dollar shall accompany each declaration of~~  
31  ~~candidacy for precinct committee officer; a~~) filing fee of ten dollars  
32 shall accompany the declaration of candidacy for any office with a  
33 fixed annual salary of one thousand dollars or less; a filing fee equal  
34 to one percent of the annual salary of the office at the time of filing  
35 shall accompany the declaration of candidacy for any office with a  
36 fixed annual salary of more than one thousand dollars per annum. No

1 filing fee need accompany a declaration of candidacy for any office for  
2 which compensation is on a per diem or per meeting attended basis.

3 A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of  
4 filing to pay the filing fee required by this section shall submit with  
5 his or her declaration of candidacy a filing fee petition. The  
6 petition shall contain not less than a number of signatures of  
7 registered voters equal to the number of dollars of the filing fee.  
8 The signatures shall be of voters registered to vote within the  
9 jurisdiction of the office for which the candidate is filing.

10 When the candidacy is for:

11 (1) A statewide office, the fee shall be paid to the secretary of  
12 state;

13 (2) A legislative or judicial office that includes territory from  
14 more than one county, the fee shall be paid to the secretary of state  
15 for equal division between the treasuries of the counties comprising  
16 the district((-));

17 ((+2)) (3) A legislative or judicial office that includes  
18 territory from only one county(+

19 (a)), the fee shall be paid to the county auditor ((if the  
20 candidate filed his or her declaration of candidacy with the county  
21 auditor;

22 (b) The fee shall be paid to the secretary of state if the  
23 candidate filed his or her declaration of candidacy with the secretary  
24 of state. The secretary of state shall then promptly transmit the fee  
25 to the county auditor of the county in which the legislative or  
26 judicial office is located.));

27 ((+3)) (4) A city or town office, the fee shall be paid to the  
28 county auditor who shall transmit it to the city or town clerk for  
29 deposit in the city or town treasury.

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