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- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:
- 3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.36.170 and 2005 c 2 s 6 are each reenacted and 4 amended to read as follows:
 - $((\frac{1}{1}))$ For any office for which a primary was held, only the names of the top two candidates will appear on the general election ballot; the name of the candidate who received the greatest number of votes will appear first and the candidate who received the next greatest number of votes will appear second. No candidate's name may be printed on the subsequent general election ballot unless he or she receives at least one percent of the total votes cast for that office at the preceding primary, if a primary was conducted. On the ballot at the general election for an office for which no primary was held, the names of the candidates shall be listed in the order determined under RCW $((\frac{29A.36.130}{2}))$ 29A.36.131.
 - (((2) For the office of justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the superior court, or state superintendent of public instruction, if a candidate in a contested primary receives a majority of all the votes cast for that office or position, only the name of that candidate may be printed for that position on the ballot at the general election.))
- 22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.32.010 and 2003 c 111 s 801 are each amended to 23 read as follows:
- 24 The secretary of state shall((, whenever at least one statewide 25 measure or office is scheduled to appear on the general election 26 ballot,)) print and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary in 27 each even-numbered year and for the general election every year.
- The secretary of state shall distribute the voters' pamphlet to each household in the state, to public libraries, and to any other

- locations he or she deems appropriate. The secretary of state shall also produce taped or Braille transcripts of the voters' pamphlet,
- 3 publicize their availability, and mail without charge a copy to any
- 4 person who requests one.
- 5 The secretary of state may make the material required to be
- 6 distributed by this chapter available to the public in electronic form.
- 7 The secretary of state may provide the material in electronic form to
- 8 computer bulletin boards, print and broadcast news media, community
- 9 computer networks, and similar services at the cost of reproduction or
- 10 transmission of the data.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
- 12 repealed:
- 13 (1) RCW 29A.32.036 (Even year primary contents) and 2004 c 271 s
- 14 122; and
- 15 (2) RCW 29A.36.171 (Nonpartisan candidates qualified for general
- 16 election) and 2004 c 271 s 170."

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- On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the
- 18 remainder of the title and insert "primary elections; amending RCW
- 19 29A.32.010; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.36.170; and repealing RCW
- 20 29A.32.036 and 29A.36.171."

EFFECT: Requires the Secretary of State to print and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the general election every year and for primary elections in even-numbered years.

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