HOUSE BILL 1474
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By Representatives Pedersen, Rodne, Goodman, Buys, Hunt, Hunter, Hudgins, Carlyle, Fey, and Pollet

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1   AN ACT Relating to giving general election voters the power to
2   choose between the top two candidates for nonpartisan offices;
3   reenacting and amending RCW 29A.36.170; and repealing RCW 29A.36.171.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.170 and 2005 c 2 s 6 are each reenacted and
6   amended to read as follows:
7   (((1))) For any office for which a primary was held, only the names
8   of the top two candidates will appear on the general election ballot;
9   the name of the candidate who received the greatest number of votes
10 will appear first and the candidate who received the next greatest
11 number of votes will appear second. No candidate's name may be printed
12 on the subsequent general election ballot unless he or she receives at
13 least one percent of the total votes cast for that office at the
14 preceding primary, if a primary was conducted. On the ballot at the
15 general election for an office for which no primary was held, the names
16 of the candidates shall be listed in the order determined under RCW
17 ((29A.36.130)) 29A.36.131.
18   (((2) For the office of justice of the supreme court, judge of the
19 court of appeals, judge of the superior court, or state superintendent

1 ~~of public instruction, if a candidate in a contested primary receives~~
2 ~~a majority of all the votes cast for that office or position, only the~~
3 ~~name of that candidate may be printed for that position on the ballot~~
4 ~~at the general election.~~))

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.36.171 (Nonpartisan candidates
6 qualified for general election) and 2004 c 271 s 170 are each repealed.

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