

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2106**

Chapter 7, Laws of 2014

63rd Legislature  
2014 Regular Session

COUNTY OFFICE ELECTIONS--PRIMARIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/14

Passed by the House January 27, 2014  
Yeas 86 Nays 10

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2014  
Yeas 48 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 12, 2014, 2:18 p.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2106** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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March 12, 2014

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Hawkins, Bergquist, Condotta, Fitzgibbon,  
Manweller, Pollet, S. Hunt, Wylie, Haler, and Appleton

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on Government Operations & Elections.

1            AN ACT Relating to holding a primary for county offices; and  
2 amending RCW 29A.52.112.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.52.112 and 2013 c 11 s 50 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) A primary is a first stage in the public process by which  
7 voters elect candidates to public office.

8            (2) Whenever candidates for a partisan office are to be elected,  
9 the general election must be preceded by a primary conducted under this  
10 chapter. Based upon votes cast at the primary, the top two candidates  
11 will be certified as qualified to appear on the general election  
12 ballot, unless only one candidate qualifies as provided in RCW  
13 29A.36.170.

14            (3) No primary may be held for any single county partisan office to  
15 fill an unexpired term if, after the last day allowed for candidates to  
16 withdraw, only one candidate has filed for the position.

17            (4) For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party  
18 preference on the declaration of candidacy, then that preference will  
19 be shown after the name of the candidate on the primary and general

1 election ballots as set forth in rules of the secretary of state. A  
2 candidate may choose to express no party preference. Any party  
3 preferences are shown for the information of voters only and may in no  
4 way limit the options available to voters.

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