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**HOUSE BILL 2949**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session**

**By** Representative Caldier

AN ACT Relating to the use of a voter's party affiliation declaration with respect to the presidential primary; and amending RCW 29A.56.050.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 29A.56.050 and 2003 c 111 s 1405 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A major political party may, under national or state party rules, base the allocation of delegates from this state to the national nominating convention of that party in whole or in part on the results of the presidential primary and on the participation in precinct caucuses and conventions conducted under the rules of that party.

(2) If requested by a major political party, the secretary of state shall adopt rules under RCW 29A.04.620 to provide for any declaration required by that party.

(3) Voters who subscribe to a specific political party declaration under this section must be given ballots that are readily distinguishable from those given to other voters. Votes cast by persons making these declarations must be tabulated and reported separately from other votes cast at the primary and may be used by a major political party in its allocation of delegates under the rules of that party.

(4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, for a political party that requires a specific voter declaration under this section, the secretary of state shall prescribe rules for providing, to the state and county committees of that political party, a copy of the declarations or a list of the voters who participated in the presidential nominating process of that party.

(5) The secretary of state may only provide voter declaration information to state and county committees of major political parties if a major political party submits documentation to the secretary by October 1st of the year preceding the presidential election that the party will use the results of the presidential primary when allocating delegates to the national nominating convention of that party.

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