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By Representatives Appleton and Gregerson

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1 AN ACT Relating to one candidate primaries; and amending RCW
2 29A.52.112.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.52.112 and 2014 c 7 s 1 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
10 this chapter. Based upon votes cast at the primary, the top two
11 candidates will be certified as qualified to appear on the general
12 election ballot, unless only one candidate qualifies as provided in
13 RCW 29A.36.170.

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

18 (4) For partisan office, if a candidate has expressed a party
19 preference on the declaration of candidacy, then that preference will
20 be shown after the name of the candidate on the primary and general
21 election ballots as set forth in rules of the secretary of state. A

1 candidate may choose to express no party preference. Any party
2 preferences are shown for the information of voters only and may in
3 no way limit the options available to voters.

4 (5) No primary may be held for any single position in any
5 partisan primary if, after the last day allowed for candidates to
6 withdraw, only one candidate files for the position. The county
7 auditor must, as soon as possible, notify the candidate so affected
8 that the office for which he or she filed will not appear on the
9 primary ballot.

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