HOUSE BILL 1548

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By Representatives Appleton, Pike, and Condotta

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1   AN ACT Relating to increasing the percentage of votes required in
2 order for a write-in candidate to appear on the general election
3 ballot; and reenacting and amending RCW 29A.36.170.

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

5   **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.36.170 and 2013 c 143 s 1 and 2013 c 11 s 45 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
7   For any office for which a primary was held, only the names of
8 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
12 printed on the subsequent general election ballot unless he or she
13 receives at least ((one)) _five_ percent of the total votes cast for
14 that office at the preceding primary, if a primary was conducted. On
15 the ballot at the general election for an office for which no primary
16 was held, the names of the candidates shall be listed in the order
17 determined pursuant to RCW 29A.36.131.

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