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HOUSE BILL 1327

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1            AN ACT Relating to presidential electors; amending RCW  
2 29A.56.310, 29A.56.320, and 29A.56.340; repealing RCW 29A.56.300; and  
3 repealing 2009 c 264 s 1 (uncodified).

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.56.310 and 2003 c 111 s 1424 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            On the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in the year in  
8 which a president of the United States is to be elected, there shall  
9 be elected (~~as many electors of president and vice president of the~~  
10 ~~United States as there are senators and representatives in Congress~~  
11 ~~allotted to this state~~) one presidential elector from each  
12 congressional district and two electors from the state at-large. Each  
13 elector may have an alternate to stand in for the elector in case of  
14 death, refusal to act, or neglect to attend the electors meeting.

15            **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.56.320 and 2013 c 11 s 56 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17            In the year in which a presidential election is held, each major  
18 political party and each minor political party or independent  
19 candidate convention that nominates candidates for president and vice  
20 president of the United States shall nominate presidential electors

1 and alternates for this state. The party or convention shall file  
2 with the secretary of state a certificate signed by the presiding  
3 officer of the convention at which the presidential electors were  
4 chosen, listing the names and addresses of the presidential electors.  
5 Each presidential elector and alternate shall execute and file with  
6 the secretary of state a pledge that, as an elector, he or she will  
7 vote for the candidates nominated by that party. The names of  
8 presidential electors shall not appear on the ballots. The votes cast  
9 for candidates for president and vice president of each political  
10 party shall be counted for the candidates for presidential electors  
11 of that political party(~~(; however, if the interstate compact~~  
12 ~~entitled the "agreement among the states to elect the president by~~  
13 ~~national popular vote," as set forth in RCW 29A.56.300, governs the~~  
14 ~~appointment of the presidential electors for a presidential election~~  
15 ~~as provided in clause 9 of Article III of that compact, then the~~  
16 ~~final appointment of presidential electors for that presidential~~  
17 ~~election shall be in accordance with that compact)). The  
18 congressional district presidential elector shall be the elector from  
19 the political party whose presidential and vice presidential  
20 candidates received the most number of votes in the congressional  
21 district. The at-large presidential electors shall be electors from  
22 the political party for the presidential and vice presidential  
23 candidates who received the most number of votes in the state.~~

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.56.340 and 2003 c 111 s 1427 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The electors of the president and vice president shall convene at  
27 the seat of government on the day fixed by federal statute, at the  
28 hour of twelve o'clock noon of that day. If there is any vacancy in  
29 the office of an elector (~~(occasioned by death, refusal to act,~~  
30 ~~neglect to attend, or otherwise, the electors present shall~~  
31 ~~immediately proceed to fill it by voice vote, and plurality of~~  
32 ~~votes)), the elector's designated alternate shall be recognized as  
33 the elector. When all of the electors have appeared and the vacancies  
34 have been filled they shall constitute the college of electors of the  
35 state of Washington, and shall proceed to perform the duties required  
36 of them by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Any  
37 elector who votes for a person or persons not nominated by the party  
38 of which he or she is an elector is subject to a civil penalty of up  
39 to one thousand dollars.~~

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    The following acts or parts of acts are  
2 each repealed:

3        (1)    RCW 29A.56.300 (States' agreement—Presidential election—  
4 National popular vote) and 2009 c 264 s 2; and

5        (2)    2009 c 264 s 1 (uncodified).

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