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By Representative Haler

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1 AN ACT Relating to candidacy qualification restrictions based on
2 consanguinity and affinity; and amending RCW 29A.24.075, 29A.24.031,
3 and 42.04.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.24.075 and 2013 c 11 s 25 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A person filing a declaration of candidacy for an office
8 shall, at the time of filing(~~(r)~~):

9 (a) Be a registered voter;

10 (b) Not be related within the third degree by consanguinity or
11 affinity to a person in an elected or appointed position that
12 exercises jurisdiction, control, authority, or supervision over the
13 office being filled; and

14 (c) Possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who
15 may be elected to the office.

16 (2) Excluding the office of precinct committee officer or a
17 temporary elected position such as a charter review board member or
18 freeholder, no person may file for more than one office.

19 (3) The name of a candidate for an office shall not appear on a
20 ballot for that office unless, except for judge of the superior court
21 and as provided in RCW 3.50.057, the candidate (~~(is)~~), at the time

1 the candidate's declaration of candidacy is filed, is properly
2 registered to vote in the geographic area represented by the office
3 and meets the requirements in subsection (1) of this section. For the
4 purposes of this section, each geographic area in which registered
5 voters may cast ballots for an office is represented by that office.
6 If a person elected to an office must be nominated from a district or
7 similar division of the geographic area represented by the office,
8 the name of a candidate for the office shall not appear on a primary
9 ballot for that office unless the candidate (~~is~~), at the time the
10 candidate's declaration of candidacy is filed, is properly registered
11 to vote in that district or division and meets the requirements in
12 subsection (1) of this section. The officer with whom declarations of
13 candidacy must be filed under this title shall review each such
14 declaration filed regarding compliance with this subsection.

15 (4) The requirements of voter registration and residence within
16 the geographic area of a district do not apply to candidates for
17 congressional office. Qualifications for the United States congress
18 are specified in the United States Constitution.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.24.031 and 2013 c 11 s 31 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 A candidate who desires to have his or her name printed on the
22 ballot for election to an office other than president of the United
23 States, vice president of the United States, or an office for which
24 ownership of property is a prerequisite to voting shall complete and
25 file a declaration of candidacy. The secretary of state shall adopt,
26 by rule, a declaration of candidacy form for the office of precinct
27 committee officer and a separate standard form for candidates for all
28 other offices filing under this chapter. Included on the standard
29 form shall be:

30 (1) A place for the candidate to declare that he or she is a
31 registered voter within the jurisdiction of the office for which he
32 or she is filing, and the address at which he or she is registered;

33 (2) A place for the candidate to indicate the position for which
34 he or she is filing;

35 (3) A place for the candidate to state a party preference, if the
36 office is a partisan office;

37 (4) A place for the candidate to indicate the amount of the
38 filing fee accompanying the declaration of candidacy or for the

1 candidate to indicate that he or she is filing a filing fee petition
2 in lieu of the filing fee under RCW 29A.24.091;

3 (5) A place for the candidate to sign the declaration of
4 candidacy, stating that the information provided on the form is true
5 and swearing or affirming that he or she will support the
6 Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and
7 laws of the state of Washington;

8 (6) A place for the candidate to declare that he or she is not
9 related within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity to a
10 person in an elected or appointed position that exercises
11 jurisdiction, control, authority, or supervision over the office
12 being filled pursuant to RCW 29A.24.075.

13 In the case of a declaration of candidacy filed electronically,
14 submission of the form constitutes agreement that the information
15 provided with the filing is true, that he or she will support the
16 Constitutions and laws of the United States and the state of
17 Washington, and that he or she agrees to electronic payment of the
18 filing fee established in RCW 29A.24.091.

19 The secretary of state may require any other information on the
20 form he or she deems appropriate to facilitate the filing process.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.04.020 and 2012 c 117 s 94 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 That no person shall be competent to qualify for or hold any
24 elective public office within the state of Washington, or any county,
25 district, precinct, school district, municipal corporation, or other
26 district or political subdivision, unless he or she ((~~be~~)) is:

27 (1) A citizen of the United States and state of Washington;

28 (2) Not related within the third degree by consanguinity or
29 affinity to a person in an elected or appointed position that
30 exercises jurisdiction, control, authority, or supervision over the
31 office being filled pursuant to RCW 29A.24.075; and

32 (3) An elector of such county, district, precinct, school
33 district, municipality, or other district or political subdivision.

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