

SB 5078 - S AMD 344

By Senator Ericksen

OUT OF ORDER 03/12/2019

1 On page 2, after line 15, insert the following:

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3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29A.24 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) By sixty-three days before the primary election, all
6 candidates for United States senate and United States house of
7 representatives shall:

8 (a) Publicly release a copy of their federal income tax returns,
9 as defined in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 6103(b)(1), for at least the five most
10 recent taxable years for which a return has been filed with the
11 internal revenue service; or

12 (b)(i) File with the secretary of state their federal income tax
13 returns as described in (a) of this subsection; and

14 (ii) Provide written consent to the secretary of state, in a
15 manner to be prescribed by the secretary of state by rule, for the
16 public disclosure of such returns pursuant to this section.

17 (2) The secretary of state shall make federal income tax returns
18 filed or released under this section publicly available on the
19 secretary of state's web site within seven days of receipt or
20 release. The secretary of state may make additional schedules or
21 forms filed under this section publicly available upon request.

22 Prior to making any federal income tax returns public, the secretary
23 of state shall redact such information contained in the returns as
24 deemed needed in consultation with the director of the department of
25 revenue.

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1 (3) Candidates who do not comply with the requirements of
2 subsection (1) of this section may not appear on the primary or
3 general election ballot.

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5 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
6 internal references accordingly.

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10 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "of", strike the remainder
11 of the title and insert "candidates for federal office prior to
12 appearing on the ballot; adding a new section to chapter 29A.56 RCW;
and adding a new section to chapter 29A.24 RCW."

EFFECT: Requires candidates for the United States Senate and
the United States House of Representatives to publicly release a
copy of their federal income tax returns for the previous five years
before appearing on the ballot.

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