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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring disclosure of federal income tax  
2 returns of presidential candidates prior to appearing in the primary;  
3 and adding a new section to chapter 29A.56 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.56  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By sixty-three days before the presidential preference  
8 primary held under RCW 29A.56.020, all candidates for presidential  
9 nomination shall:

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

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

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

19 (2) The secretary of state shall make federal income tax returns  
20 filed or released under this section publicly available on the  
21 secretary of state's web site within seven days of receipt or

1 release. The secretary of state may make additional schedules or  
2 forms filed under this section publicly available upon request. Prior  
3 to making any federal income tax returns public, the secretary of  
4 state shall redact such information contained in the returns as  
5 deemed needed in consultation with the director of the department of  
6 revenue.

7 (3) Presidential candidates who do not comply with the  
8 requirements of subsection (1) of this section may not appear on the  
9 presidential preference primary ballot.

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