

For the purposes of this section, "blind" shall mean that definition of "blind" utilized by the state of Washington in determining eligibility for financial assistance to the blind under Title 74 RCW.

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CHAPTER 61

[Senate Bill No. 98]

NONPARTISAN PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to elections; and adding new sections to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A void in candidacy for a nonpartisan office occurs when an election for such office has been scheduled and no valid declaration of candidacy has been filed for the position or all persons filing such valid declarations of candidacy have died or been disqualified.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Filings for a nonpartisan office shall be opened for a period of three normal business days, such three day period to be fixed by the election officer with whom such declarations of candidacy are filed and notice thereof given by notifying press, radio, and television in the county and by such other means as may now or hereafter be provided by law whenever before the fourth Tuesday prior to a primary:

(1) A void in candidacy occurs;

(2) A vacancy occurs in any nonpartisan office leaving an unexpired term to be filled by an election for which filings have not been held; or

(3) A nominee for judge of the court of appeals or of the superior court entitled to a certificate of election pursuant to Article 4, section 29, Amendment 41 of the state Constitution, dies or is disqualified.

Candidacies validly filed within said three-day period shall appear on the ballot as if made during the earlier filing period.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Filings for a nonpartisan office (other than judge of the supreme court or superintendent of public instruction) shall be reopened for a period of three normal business days, such three day period to be fixed by the election officer with whom such declarations of candidacy are filed and notice thereof given by notifying press, radio, and television in the county and by such other means as may now or hereafter be provided by law, when:

(1) A void in candidacy for such nonpartisan office occurs on or after the fourth Tuesday prior to a primary but prior to the fourth Tuesday before an election; or

(2) A nominee for judge of the court of appeals or of the superior court eligible after a contested primary for a certificate of election by Article 4, section 29, Amendment 41 of the state Constitution, dies or is disqualified within the ten day period when a petition for write-in candidacy may be received.

The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast for that office in the general election shall be deemed elected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A scheduled election shall be lapsed, the office deemed stricken from the ballot, no purported write-in votes counted, and no candidate certified as elected, when:

(1) In an election for judge of the supreme court or superintendent of public instruction, a void in candidacy occurs on or after the fourth Tuesday prior to a primary, public filings and the primary being an indispensable phase of the election process for such offices;

(2) Except as otherwise specified in section 3 of this act, a nominee for judge of the court of appeals or of the superior court entitled to a certificate of election pursuant to Article 4, section 29, Amendment 41 of the state Constitution dies or is disqualified on or after the fourth Tuesday prior to a primary;

(3) In other elections for nonpartisan office a void in candidacy occurs on or after the fourth Tuesday prior to an election.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The election officer with whom declarations of candidacy are filed shall give notice of a void in candidacy for a nonpartisan office, by notifying press, radio, and television in the county and by such other means as may now or hereafter be provided by law. The notice shall state the office, and the time and place for filing declarations of candidacy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Filings to fill a void in candidacy for nonpartisan office

shall be made in the same manner and with the same official as required during the regular filing period for such office: PROVIDED, That nominating signature petitions which may be required of candidates filing for certain district offices during the normal filing period shall not be required of candidates filing during the special three day filing period.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.21 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever it shall be necessary to hold a special election to fill an unexpired term of an elective office of any city, town, or district, such special election shall be held in concert with the next general election which is to be held by the respective city, town, or district concerned for the purpose of electing officers to full terms: PROVIDED, That this section shall not apply to any city of the first class whose charter provision relating to elections to fill unexpired terms are inconsistent herewith.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 62

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 102]

MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICTS--ASSESSMENT ROLL, NOTICE

AN ACT Relating to mosquito control districts; and amending section 36.88.090, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.88.090.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 36.88.090, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.88.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the assessment roll for any county road improvement district shall have been prepared such roll shall be filed with the clerk of the board. The board shall thereupon by resolution set the date for hearing upon such roll before the board and direct the clerk to give notice of such hearing and the time and place thereof.

Such notice shall specify such time and place of hearing on such roll and shall notify all persons who may desire to object thereto to make such objection in writing and to file the same with such clerk at or prior to the date fixed for such hearing; and that