

## CHAPTER 1

[Senate Bill No. 4279]

## SPECIAL PRIMARY FOR UNITED STATES SENATE VACANCY

AN ACT Relating to a special primary and general election for the United States Senate; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A special primary election for nominating candidates to be elected in the November 8, 1983, general election to fill the vacancy in the representation of this state in the Senate of the United States shall be held October 11, 1983. A special three-day filing period for the elective office shall begin during normal business hours on September 14, 1983. Candidates nominated by minor party conventions shall also file during that period and the notice requirements of said minor party conventions are hereby waived for this nomination. Withdrawals may be made until 5:00 p.m. on September 19, 1983.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The general election laws and laws relating to primaries shall apply to the filing period and special primary election under section 1 of this act insofar as they are not inconsistent therewith, and shall be construed with and as a part thereof for the purpose of carrying out the spirit and intent thereof. Any statutory time deadlines relating to the advanced availability of absentee ballots, certification, and canvassing, which cannot be met in a timely fashion may be modified for the purposes of this special primary only by the Secretary of State, through emergency rules adopted pursuant to RCW 29.04.080. No candidates' pamphlet authorized by chapter 29.80 RCW shall be published for the November 8, 1983, general election. Nothing under section 1 of this act shall be construed to be inconsistent with the writ of election executed by the Governor on September 8, 1983, except the shortening of time permitted for the filing by minor party candidates, and withdrawals of candidacy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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