

CHAPTER 103.

[ House Bill No. 191. ]

ELECTIONS—PRIMARIES—DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY.

AN ACT relating to elections; amending section 29.18.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.18.030; amending section 29.21.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.21.060; amending section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.42.050; amending section 29.27.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.27.020; amending section 29.30.075, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.30.075; amending section 29.13.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.070; and amending section 29.27.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.27.050.

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

RCW 29.18.030 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 29.18.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.18.030 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections. Partisan primaries. Declaration and affidavit of candidacy—Necessity—Form—Withdrawal.

The name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot used at a state primary, unless not earlier than the last Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday, a declaration of candidacy is filed in the form hereinafter set forth:

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

STATE OF WASHINGTON }
County of ..... } ss.

DECLARATION

I, ....., declare upon honor that I am a registered voter residing at No. .... street, ..... (city or town of) ..... (county of) ....., state of Washington, and am legally qualified to assume office if elected; that I hereby declare myself a candidate for nomina-

tion to the office of ..... or position No. .... for the office of ..... (fill in whichever blank is applicable) to be made at the primary election to be held on the ..... day of ....., and hereby request that my name be printed upon the official primary ballots, as provided by law, as a candidate of the (do not fill this in if office sought is nonpartisan) ..... party, and I accompany herewith the sum of ..... dollars, the fee required by law of me for becoming a candidate.

## AFFIDAVIT

*Further*, I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington; that I do not advocate the overthrow, destruction, or alteration of the constitutional form of government of the United States or of the state of Washington or any political subdivision of either of them, by revolution, force or violence, and that I do not knowingly belong to any organization, foreign or otherwise, which engages in or advocates, the overthrow, destruction or alteration of the constitutional form of government of the United States or of the state of Washington or any political subdivision of either of them, by revolution, force or violence.

.....  
 (Please print name to assure correct spelling)

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 (Signature of candidate as name is to appear upon ballot)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ....., 19.....

.....  
 (Signature of official)

.....  
 (Official title)

Any candidate may in writing withdraw his declaration at any time to and including the first Wednesday after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy. Should the candidate desire to mail his declaration of withdrawal it shall be honored if the instrument is postmarked no later than the last day allowed for withdrawals. There shall be no refund of the filing fee.

RCW 29.21.060  
amended.

SEC. 2. Section 29.21.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.21.060 are each amended to read as follows:

Elections.  
Nonpartisan  
primaries and  
elections. Dec-  
larations of  
candidacy in  
first, second,  
third class  
cities and  
certain dis-  
tricts—Other  
statutes  
superseded.

All candidates for offices to be voted on at any election in first, second, and third class cities shall file declarations of candidacy with the clerk thereof not earlier than the last Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday in the year such regular city elections are held.

All candidates for district offices in port districts, and school districts embracing a city of over one hundred thousand population, both of which are located in class AA and class A counties, shall file their declarations of candidacy with the county auditor of the county not earlier than the last Monday of July nor later than the next succeeding Friday in the year such regular district elections are held.

All candidates for district offices not subject to a primary election, other than irrigation districts, shall file declarations of candidacy not more than sixty nor less than forty-six days prior to the date of the election with the appropriate county auditor: *Provided*, That in the case of public utility districts, and in no other, nominations shall be made by means of nominating petitions: *Provided further*, That this chapter shall not change the method of nomination for first district officers at the formation of the district.

Any candidate for city or district offices may withdraw his declaration at any time to and including the first Wednesday after the last day allowed for filing declarations of candidacy.

The city clerks in all counties shall transmit to their county auditors at least thirty-five days before the date fixed for the primary, a certified list of the names and addresses of the candidates to be voted on thereat as represented by the declarations of candidacy filed in their offices.

All candidates required to file declarations of candidacy shall pay the same fees and be governed by the same rules as contained in RCW 29.18.030, 29.18.035, and 29.18.060: *Provided*, That no filing fee shall be charged in the event that the office sought is without salary.

This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different dates for filing declarations of candidacy for such city, town, and district elections.

SEC. 3. Section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.070 [29.42.050] are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.42.050 amended.

The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the primaries shall apply to candidates for precinct committeeman except that the filing period for this office alone shall be extended to and include the Friday immediately following the last day for political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW 29.18.150, and the office shall not be voted upon at the primaries, but the names of all candidates must appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for the general November election and the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected: *Provided*, That to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at least ten percent of the

Precinct committeemen—  
Election—  
Declaration of candidacy, fee  
—Term—  
Vacancy.

Elections.  
Precinct  
committeemen  
—Election—  
Declaration of  
candidacy, fee  
—Term—  
Vacancy.

number of votes cast for the candidate of his party receiving the greatest number of votes in his precinct. Any person elected to the office of precinct committeeman who has not filed a declaration of candidacy shall pay the fee of one dollar to the county auditor for a certificate of election. The term of office of precinct committeeman shall be for two years, commencing upon completion of the official canvass of votes by the county canvassing board of election returns. Should any vacancy occur in this office by reason of death, resignation or disqualification of the incumbent, or because of failure to elect, the respective county chairman of the county central committee shall be empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment: *Provided*, That the person so appointed shall have the same qualifications as candidates when filing for election to such office for such precinct: *Provided further*, That when a vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman exists because of failure to elect at a state general election, such vacancy shall not be filled until after the organization meeting of the county central committee and the new county chairman selected as provided by RCW 29.42.030.

RCW 29.27.020  
amended.

SEC. 4. Section 29.27.020, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.27.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Certifying  
candidates be-  
fore primary  
by secretary  
of state.

Prior to any September primary, on or before the first Wednesday following the last day for political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW 29.18.150, the secretary of state shall transmit to each county auditor a certified list of the candidates for office to be voted for in each county as represented by the declarations of candidacy and nomination papers filed in his office. The certificate shall set forth the name of each candidate, his post office address, the office for which he is a candidate and his party designation.

SEC. 5. Section 29.30.075, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.27.050 [29.30-.075] are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.30.075 amended.

At least twenty days before any primary, each county auditor shall have prepared sufficient ballots for use by absentee voters.

Primary ballots for absentee voters, date prepared.

SEC. 6. Section 29.13.070, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.13.070 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.13.070 amended.

Nominating primaries for general elections to be held in November shall be held at the regular polling places in each precinct on the third Tuesday of the preceding September.

Primaries, when held.

SEC. 7. Section 29.27.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 (Senate Bill No. 5) and RCW 29.27.050 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 29.27.050 amended.

As soon as possible but in any event no later than the fifth day following official certification of the returns of any primary election as made by the canvassing board, the secretary of state shall certify to the county auditor of each county within which any of the electors may by law vote for candidates for such office, the name and place of residence of each person nominated for such office, as specified in the certificates of nomination filed with the secretary of state.

Certification of nominees by secretary of state.

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