

CHAPTER 102.

[H. B. 361.]

ELECTIONS—NONPRIMARY NOMINATIONS.

AN ACT relating to nonprimary nominations; amending section 26, chapter 209, Laws of 1907 and sections 1 through 5 and sections 7 and 10, chapter 94, Laws of 1937 and RCW 29.24.010 through 29.24.050, 29.24.070 and 29.01.100; and repealing section 3, chapter 156, Laws of 1895 and RCW 29.24.100.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26, chapter 209, Laws of 1907 and sections 1 through 5 and sections 7 and 10, chapter 94, Laws of 1937 (heretofore codified as RCW 29.24.010, 29.24.020, 29.24.030, 29.24.040, 29.24.050, 29.24.070 and 29.01.100) are divided and amended as set forth in sections 2 through 8 of this act.

Division and amendment.

SEC. 2. (RCW 29.24.010) A "convention" for the purposes of this chapter, is an organized assemblage of at least one hundred registered voters representing a new or minor political party, organization or principle, or in lieu thereof ten registered voters from each congressional district in the state of Washington.

"Convention" defined.

SEC. 3. (RCW 29.24.020) Any new or minor political party is not entitled to participate in a state primary election but must nominate candidates for public office in a convention held on the same day that state primary elections are held.

Nominations by new or minor party.

SEC. 4. (RCW 29.24.030) To be valid, a minor party convention must:

Requisites of minor party convention.

(1) Be attended by at least one hundred registered voters; or in lieu thereof ten registered voters from each congressional district in the state of Washington;

(2) Have been called by a notice published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the convention is to be held at

least ten days before the date of the primary election stating the date, hour, place of meeting and a general statement of the principles of the organization.

Requisites of nominating certificate of minor party.

SEC. 5. (RCW 29.24.040) A certificate evidencing nominations made at a minority party convention must:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) Contain the name of each person nominated, his residence, his business, and the office for which he is named; together with a sworn statement of each nominee giving his consent to the said nominations;
- (3) Designate in not more than five words the party or principle which the convention represents;
- (4) Be verified by the oath of the presiding officer and secretary;
- (5) Be signed by at least one hundred registered voters present at the convention and who did not vote at the primary election held on that day, or in lieu thereof be signed by at least ten registered voters from each congressional district in the state of Washington present at a convention, and who did not vote at the primary election held on that day;
- (6) Show the voting addresses of all signers;
- (7) Contain proof of publication of the notice of calling the convention.

Enacted without amendment.

SEC. 6. (RCW 29.24.050) The signature of a minor party nominating certificate of a person who voted in the primary held on the day of the convention is invalid.

Enacted without amendment.

SEC. 7. (RCW 29.24.070) If the nominating certificate is valid, each candidate nominated by a minor party convention may file with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy as nearly as possible in the form prescribed for candidates subject to primary election, and each candidate must at the time of filing such declaration pay to the secretary

of state the fee prescribed by law for candidates subject to primary election. The name of a candidate nominated at a minor party convention shall not be printed upon the election ballot unless he pays the fee required by law to be paid by candidates for the same office to be nominated at a primary election.

SEC. 8. (RCW 29.01.100) "Minor political party" means a political organization other than a major political party. Enacted without amendment.

SEC. 9. Section 3, chapter 156, Laws of 1895 and RCW 29.24.100 are each repealed. Repeal.

Passed the House February 19, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 8, 1955.

CHAPTER 103.

[H. B. 383.]

ELECTIONS—DUPLICATION OF NAMES.

AN ACT relating to elections; and amending section 1, chapter 198, Laws of 1943 and RCW 29.18.060.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 198, Laws of 1943 and RCW 29.18.060 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

When two or more persons file for the same office in any primary election whose surnames are so similar in sound or spelling as to be confusing to the electors, the secretary of state, county auditor, city clerk or any other public officer with whom declarations of candidates are filed, shall, on his own initiative, or upon the request of any of the candidates for the same office, as hereinafter provided print on the ballot immediately after the surname of the candidates having similar surnames, the profession, Ballots to distinguish candidates having similar names.