
SENATE BILL 6804

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By Senator Hochstatter

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1 AN ACT Relating to political party designation on election ballots;
2 and amending RCW 29.30.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.30.020 and 2001 c 30 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The positions or offices on a primary ballot shall be arranged
7 in substantially the following order: United States senator; United
8 States representative; governor; lieutenant governor; secretary of
9 state; state treasurer; state auditor; attorney general; commissioner
10 of public lands; superintendent of public instruction; insurance
11 commissioner; state senator; state representative; county officers;
12 justices of the supreme court; judges of the court of appeals; judges
13 of the superior court; and judges of the district court. For all other
14 jurisdictions on the primary ballot, the offices in each jurisdiction
15 shall be grouped together and be in the order of the position numbers
16 assigned to those offices, if any.

17 (2) The order of the positions or offices on an election ballot
18 shall be substantially the same as on a primary ballot except that the
19 offices of president and vice president of the United States shall

1 precede all other offices on a presidential election ballot. State
2 ballot issues shall be placed before all offices on an election ballot.
3 The positions on a ballot to be assigned to ballot measures regarding
4 local units of government shall be established by the secretary of
5 state by rule.

6 (3) The political party or independent candidacy of each candidate
7 for partisan office shall not be indicated ((next to the name of the
8 candidate)) on the primary and election ballot. ((A candidate shall
9 file a written notice with the filing officer within three business
10 days after the close of the filing period designating the political
11 party to be indicated next to the candidate's name on the ballot if
12 either:—(a) The candidate has been nominated by two or more minor
13 political parties or independent conventions; or (b) the candidate has
14 both filed a declaration of candidacy declaring an affiliation with a
15 major political party and been nominated by a minor political party or
16 independent convention.— If no written notice is filed the filing
17 officer shall give effect to the party designation shown upon the first
18 document filed.— A candidate may be deemed nominated by a minor party
19 or independent convention only if all documentation required by chapter
20 29.24 RCW has been timely filed.))

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