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Elections Conference

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Monty Cobb, WACO





Washington Association
of COUNTY OFFICIALS

Thank you

Julie Anderson, Pierce County

Sherril Huff, King County

Greg Kimsey, Clark County

Matt Beaton, Franklin County



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4 bills that passed

- PDC contact information on the ballot
- Which candidates advance to the general
- Which races have a primary
- Elections clean-up



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PDC contact information

SSB 5507

“For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit

www.pdc.wa.gov.”



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The SOS may substitute language as necessary for accuracy and clarity, and consistent with the intent.



Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

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SSB 5507

Printed either:

- At the top of the ballot; OR
- In a prominent position on the ballot envelope and in the materials that accompany the ballot.

And in the State Voters' Pamphlet



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Which candidates advance to the general

HB 1474

Repealed the law that allowed a judicial or OSPI candidate who received a majority of votes in a contested primary to be *only* candidate listed in the general.

Also eliminates the opportunity for Superior Court candidates to be declared elected after the Primary.





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Which candidates advance to the general HB 1474

Judicial and OSPI elections no longer decided at the primary.

No changes to law allowing a Superior Court candidate in a county of 100,000 to be declared elected after candidate filing.





Which races have a primary 2SHB 1195

1. Judicial & OSPI:

No primary if only 1 or 2 candidates file.

2. Repealed:

Statute that *prohibited* a primary if only 1 or 2 candidates filed in an odd-year election to fill a vacancy.





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Which races have a primary

2SHB 1195

1. Nonpartisan offices:
Only have a primary if at least 3 file.
2. Partisan offices:
Always have a primary.



Old judicial chart

Judicial Elections

Candidates	Supreme Court Court of Appeals		Superior Court		District Court		Municipal Court	
	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	Yes	Yes	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing. Population under 100,000: Yes. Art. IV, Sec. 29.	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing. Population under 100,000: Yes. Art. IV, Sec. 29.	No	Yes	No	Yes
2	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	Candidate with majority of votes in Primary issued certificate of election and does not appear on general election ballot. RCW 29A.36.171 Art. IV, Sec. 29.	No	Yes	No	Yes
3 or more	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	If there is a majority in Primary, candidate issued certificate of election after Primary. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171. Art. IV, Sec. 29.	Yes	Yes. If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	Yes

Odd-year exceptions on next page.

OSOS / Elections Division
Revised 5/20/10

Exceptions for Judicial Elections in Odd-numbered Years

Candidates	Supreme Court Court of Appeals		Superior Court	
	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	No	Yes	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing. Art. IV, Sec. 29. Population under 100,000: No. RCW 29A.52.010.	Population over 100,000: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing. Art. IV, Sec. 29. Population under 100,000: Yes. RCW 29A.52.010.
2	No	Yes	No	Yes
3 or more	Yes	Yes If there is a majority in Primary, only the top vote getter advances. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171.	Yes	If there is a majority in Primary, candidate issued certificate of election after Primary. If no majority, top two advance. RCW 29A.36.171. Art. IV, Sec. 29.

Elections to fill vacancies in District Court may only occur in even-numbered years.

New judicial chart

Candidates	Municipal Court District Court Court of Appeals Supreme Court		Superior Court	
	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	No ¹	Yes ²	County population less than 100,000: No ¹ County population 100,000 or more: No because certificate of election is issued after candidate filing ³	County population less than 100,000: Yes ² County population 100,000 or more: No because certificate of election was issued after candidate filing ³
2	No ¹	Yes ²	No ¹	Yes ²
3 or more	Yes	Yes ²	Yes	Yes ²



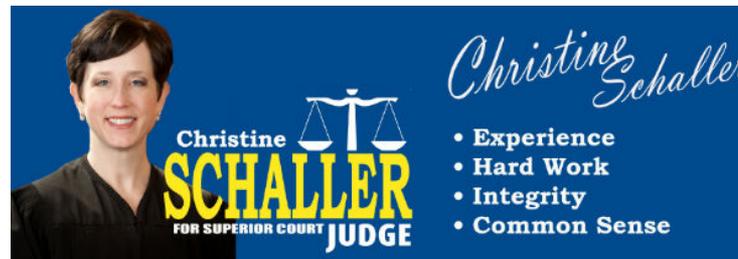
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Elections Clean Up

SSB 5518

- Repeals the pick-a-party primary laws.
- Corrects outdated RCW references.
- Moves language to new RCWs in order to be easier to find.
- Adjusts a deadlines & timeframes due to past date changes.
- Repeals laws declared unconstitutional, i.e., term limits, Blanket Primary, registration in the jurisdiction for Superior Court.





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Revises the voter registration declaration:

~~I am not presently denied the right to vote as a result of being convicted of a felony~~

“I am not disqualified from voting due to a court order, and I am not under department of corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.”



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Voter registration declaration appears on:

- Applications – paper, online, motor voter, alternate languages
- Signature update forms
- Verification notices
- Confirmation notices

Will continue to accept old voter registration forms in circulation.

May use existing stock of county forms through end of 2013.

Newly printed forms should have new verbiage.