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1 AN ACT Relating to precinct committee officers; and amending RCW
2 29.42.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.42.050 and 1987 c 295 s 14 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The statutory requirements for filing as a candidate at the
7 primaries shall apply to candidates for precinct committee officer
8 except that the filing period for this office alone shall be extended
9 to and include the Friday immediately following the last day for
10 political parties to fill vacancies in the ticket as provided by RCW
11 29.18.150(~~(, and)~~). The office of precinct committee officer shall not
12 be voted upon at the primaries, but the names of all candidates must
13 appear under the proper party and office designations on the ballot for
14 the general November election for each even-numbered year (~~(and)~~).
15 Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the (~~(one)~~)

1 candidate for the office receiving the highest number of votes cast for
2 the office at the general election shall be declared elected((÷
3 ~~PROVIDED, That to be declared elected, a candidate must receive at~~
4 ~~least ten percent of the number of votes cast for the candidate of the~~
5 ~~candidate's party receiving the greatest number of votes in the~~
6 ~~precinct))~~. Any person elected to the office of precinct committee
7 officer who has not filed a declaration of candidacy shall pay the fee
8 of one dollar to the county auditor for a certificate of election.

9 (2) If no one files for the office of precinct committee officer
10 for a political party in a precinct, a write-in candidate in the
11 precinct for that office for the party shall, to be elected to the
12 office, receive: The highest number of votes cast for that office at
13 the general election; and at least ten percent of the number of votes
14 cast in the precinct for the candidate of that political party who
15 received the greatest number of votes in the precinct during the
16 general election.

17 (3) The term of office of precinct committee officer shall be for
18 two years, commencing upon completion of the official canvass of votes
19 by the county canvassing board of election returns. Should any vacancy
20 occur in this office by reason of death, resignation, or
21 disqualification of the incumbent, or because of failure to elect, the
22 respective county chair of the county central committee shall be
23 empowered to fill such vacancy by appointment: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That
24 in legislative districts having a majority of its precincts in a class
25 AA county, such appointment shall be made only upon the recommendation
26 of the legislative district chair: PROVIDED, That the person so
27 appointed shall have the same qualifications as candidates when filing
28 for election to such office for such precinct: PROVIDED FURTHER, That
29 when a vacancy in the office of precinct committee officer exists
30 because of failure to elect at a state general election, such vacancy

1 shall not be filled until after the organization meeting of the county
2 central committee and the new county chair selected as provided by RCW
3 29.42.030.