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### House Bill 200

### Bill Highlights

#### *Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections*

- Section 8** Establishes a top two nonpartisan open primary that allows any voter regardless of party affiliation, to vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation.
- Section 21** The primary election does not serve to determine the political party nominee, but rather serves as a winnowing process. Note, however, that nothing in this bill prohibits political parties from establishing an alternative nominating process (i.e. conventions, preferential poll, etc.).
- Section 9** Candidates may list either their party of affiliation or may opt to be listed as nonpartisan or undeclared. However, note that this does not give a candidate the option to list their party affiliation as a different political group or party than the one they are currently registered as. For example, under HB 200 a Republican could not be listed as Democrat or Green Party candidate on the ballot.
- Section 6** Eliminates the requirement for a nominating petition for nonpartisan or unaffiliated candidates. Under HB 200 no candidate is “nominated” through the primary election.