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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## Representative Gabrielle LeDoux

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### HB 200- TOP TWO NONPARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION

House Bill 200 would establish a nonpartisan primary election in Alaska. Under this system, voters could cast their ballots for any candidate running for office in a primary election, and the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, would advance to the general election. HB 200 would give voters more freedom at the ballot box since their voices will not be restricted by party affiliation. Voters could cast their ballots in support of the best, most qualified candidate, not just those that identify with a particular political party.

Since the United States Supreme Court struck down the California open primary law and then the Alaska Supreme Court struck down Alaska's open primary law, Alaska has operated under a two primary system. In California Democratic Party v. Jones, the US Supreme Court ruled that a parties could not be forced to have their nominees selected by non-party members. Currently in Alaska, the Republican primary has a closed primary where members of other political parties do not get to participate in the election. The Democratic primary is an open primary where anyone, regardless of party affiliation can participate.

However, the right Alaskans had previously enjoyed for approximately 40 years—to vote for candidates of their choice for any elective office in the primary election—is no longer available. Countless Alaskans have approached legislators pleading for a return to an open primary election system, where they could vote for the candidate of their choice in a primary election, regardless of party. Voters have demanded that they continue to be allowed to vote for a republican for one office, and a democrat for another office, a green for another office, and so on. So have voters in other states. The “nonpartisan primary” election system was previously in force in Washington and California, as well as Alaska. Several years ago in an initiative and in response to language in the US Supreme Court decision striking down the open primary,<sup>1</sup> an initiative passed in Washington and California allowing voters to cast a ballot in the open nonpartisan primary.

HB 200 is legislation taken from the Washington state law and incorporates suggestions made by the United States Supreme Court in the Washington State Grange opinion. Briefly provides that candidates of all political parties and independents may run for office in a single primary election. They may self-designate their political parties if they wish. However, the state must make it clear, in the Official Election Pamphlet (OEP), on ballot materials, and at polling places, that any such designations are self-designations only and do not imply endorsement by any political party. HB 200 will remove the state of Alaska from the business of conducting “nominations” on the behalf of private parties and instead will advance the top two vote receivers. I urge swift passage of HB 200.

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<sup>1</sup> California Democratic Party v Jones, 530 U.S. 442 (2008).

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Date: April 25, 2017

To: Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

From: Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
House District 15

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SUB: Request for Hearing – HB 200

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I respectfully request a hearing on HB 200 in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest convenience.

HB 200 establishes a top two nonpartisan primary in the state of Alaska.

Attached you will find the following documents:

- CSHB 200 Version R
- HB 200 Sponsor Statement
- HB 200 Sectional Analysis
- HB 200 Explanation of Changes
- HB 200 Bill Highlights
- HB 200 Fiscal Note
- HB 200 Additional Documents:
  - Letters of Support
  - Letters of Opposition
  - Legal Opinions
  - Top Two Primaries Nationally
  - Washington Supreme Court Ruling
  - Top Two Primary FAQs for Candidates
  - Answers to Questions RE Voter Turnout

Please contact my staff, Courtney Enright, at 465-2906 or [Courtney.Enright@akleg.gov](mailto:Courtney.Enright@akleg.gov) with questions.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 200(JUD)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	4/19/2017

Identifier: HB200-OOG-DOE-04-06-17  
 Title: NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS  
 Sponsor: LEDOUX  
 Requester: House Judiciary

Department: Office of the Governor  
 Appropriation: Elections  
 Allocation: Elections  
 OMB Component Number: 21

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable; initial version.
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Approved By:	Guy Bell, Administrative Director	Date:	04/06/17
Agency:	Division of Administrative Services, Office of the Governor		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
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## Analysis

This legislation proposes to implement a top two primary system for state and national offices. The top two vote recipients for each office would advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation.

There are numerous other sections of statute being revised as a result of the structural change of the primary. These include election worker appointments, information printed on ballot, and information to voters regarding the new system.

The bill proposes to repeal the special runoff election for the office of US senator or US representative. The bill proposes conducting a special primary before the special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Congress, Governor and state legislature

The bill proposes additional information be published in the Official Election Pamphlet regarding the candidates appearing on the ballot and how they got there.

The bill would repeal statutes relevant to the current primary system process regarding candidates.

The bill proposes to change the requirements for obtaining recognized political party status and removes the requirements for the party to submit by-laws to the division.

The bill proposes to change the qualifications for an individual who is appointed to fill a vacant legislative seat.

There would be a fiscal impact for holding a special election. However, those provisions are already in place and if a special election was to be called, a special appropriation would need to be received.

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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.

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### House Bill 200

### Sectional Analysis – Version R

#### *Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections*

**Section 1** amends AS 15.10.120(c) to require that election supervisor shall nominate election board members from the political parties or groups that had the largest and second largest number of registered voters at the last gubernatorial election. If one of the top two political parties or groups does not put forward a nominee, the election supervisor may appoint a third party member.

**Section 2** amends 15.10.170 to allow all candidates, not just unaffiliated candidates, or political groups to have poll watchers.

**Section 3** amends AS 15.13.020(b) to require APOC appointees to include two members from the two political parties or groups with the largest number of registered voters.

**Section 4** amends AS 15.13.020(d) to allow political groups to be considered in APOC appointments.

**Section 5** amends AS 15.13.074(c) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 6** amends AS 15.13.110(f) to conform to Section 36 and Section 42.

**Section 7** amends AS 15.13.400(4) to conform to Section 21.

**Section 8** adds a new section to AS 15.15 to establish a top two primary where any voter may vote for any candidate without limitation based upon political group or party affiliation.

**Section 9** amends AS 15.15.0303(5) to clarify that if a candidate is registered with a political party or group they may have that affiliation listed next to them on the ballot or may request to have a nonpartisan or undeclared designation next to their name.

**Section 10** amends AS 15.15.030 to provide language on the ballot to clarify that candidates are not official nominees for the parties. Provides additional language that some candidates for President and Vice President are the official nominees of parties.

**Section 11** adds a new subsection to AS 15.15.060 to provide clarifying language at all polling locations to clarify that candidates are not official nominees for the parties.

**Section 12** restores language to AS 15.20.081(a) maintaining the prohibition regarding pre-marking party or group affiliation on absentee ballot applications.

**Section 13** amends AS 15.20.081(h) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 14** amends AS 15.20.190(a) to require election officials to have representatives from the two political parties or groups that have the greatest number of registered voters at the time of the preceding gubernatorial election.

**Section 15** amends AS 15.20.203(i) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 16** amends AS 15.20.203(j) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 17** amends AS 15.20.207(i) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 18** amends AS 15.20.207(k) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 19** amends AS 15.20.211(d) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 20** amends AS 15.20.211(f) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 21** amends AS 15.25.010 to conform to Section 24 and to clarify that the primary election serves only as a narrowing of candidates. The primary election does not nominate candidates for any party.

**Section 22** amends AS 15.25.030(a) to conform to Section 21 and Section 27.

**Section 23** repeals and reenacts AS 15.25.060 to clarify that only one ballot will be assembled for the primary election and that the primary election will be conducted in the same manner that all other elections are conducted.

**Section 24** repeals and reenacts AS 15.25.100 in these sections:

- (a) The only candidates who will appear on the general election are the top two vote receivers
- (b) In the event of a
  - (1) Tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, only the voters tying for first will advance to the general
  - (2) Tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the tie will be resolved with a coin toss per AS 15.20.530
- (c) The Lt. Governor will be placed on the general election ballot with the Governor in compliance with the Alaska State Constitution
  - (1) The gubernatorial candidate with the most votes can choose amongst the top two Lt. Governor candidates who runs on the general election ballot with them
  - (2) The gubernatorial candidate with the second most votes runs with the Lt. Governor candidate that was not already selected
- (d) If a candidate who advances to the general, dies, withdraws, resigns, becomes disqualified, or is certified as incapacitated 64 days or more before the general election, the director will place on the ballot the candidates that

- (1) Tied in having the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest number of votes in the primary or
- (2) Received the 3<sup>rd</sup> greatest number of votes in the primary
- (e) If a candidate for Governor or Lt. Governor is replaced, the candidate for governor with the greatest number of votes in the primary election may choose which of the eligible candidates for Lt. Governor will run with him.
- (f) For a candidate to be certified as incapacitated a panel of three licensed physicians with varying political backgrounds will certify the candidate is incapacitated.
- (g) If there is a tie, all disputes not already provided for in this section will be determined in accordance with AS 15.20.530 by a coin toss.

**Section 25** amends AS 15.25.105(a) to conform to Section 21.

**Section 26** amends AS 15.25.105(b) to allow write-in candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor to have different political group or party affiliations.

**Section 27** amends AS 15.40.140 to provide that in the event of vacancy of United States senator or United States representative, a special primary election shall be held within 60-90 days of the vacancy and a subsequent special election on the first Tuesday, 60 days after the special primary election.

(1) If the vacancy occurs within 60-90 days of the primary election, the special primary election will occur on the same date as the regular primary election, and the special election will occur on the same date as the general election.

(2) If the vacancy occurs within 60-90 days of the general election, the special primary election will occur on the same day as the general election and the special election will occur on the first non-holiday Tuesday 60 days after the special primary election.

**Section 28** amends AS 15.40.160 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 29** amends AS 15.40.165 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 30** amends AS 15.40.170 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 31** amends AS 15.40.190 to eliminate the requirement of a nominating petition for nonpartisan candidates for Congressional offices.

**Section 32** amends AS 15.40.220 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 33** amends AS 15.40.230 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 34** amends AS 15.40.240 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 35** amends AS 15.40.250 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 36** amends AS 15.40.280 to eliminate the requirement of a nominating petition for nonpartisan candidates for the offices of Governor and Lt. Governor.

**Section 37** amends AS 15.40.310 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 38** amends AS 15.40.330 for qualifications and confirmation of appointees

(a) All appointees to elected office must meet the standards set out in the Alaska State Constitution.

(1) Provides that appointees be the same political party or group as their predecessor in office at the time of vacancy.

(2) Provides that appointees are subject to a confirmation by the majority of members of the same party in the same body. Additionally, it provides that should a member not have a political party or group as their affiliation or should no members of the same party or group be put forward, the Governor may appoint anyone to fill the position without confirmation.

(b) Clarifies that the absence of political designation on the ballot does not mean that a member does not belong to a political group. Additionally, clarifies that for the purposes of confirmation, members of a legislative caucus will serve as the confirming body.

**Section 39** amends AS 15.40.380 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 40** amends AS 15.40.390 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 41** amends AS 15.40.400 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 42** amends AS 15.40.440 to eliminate the requirement of a nominating petition for nonpartisan candidates for the Alaska legislature.

**Section 43** amends AS 15.40.470 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 44** amends AS 15.45.190 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 45** amends AS 15.45.420 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 46** amends AS 15.58.010 to conform to Section 27.

**Section 47** adds a paragraph to AS 15.58.020(a) to conform to Section 21 and Section 24.

**Section 48** amends AS 15.58.020(b) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 49** adds a new subsection to AS 15.58.020 to provide clarifying language that candidates are not the nominees for their political parties and to conform with Section 24.

**Section 50** amends AS 15.58.030(b) to conform to Section 31, Section 36 and Section 42 by eliminating a separate deadline for statement of candidacy for candidates by petition.

**Section 51** amends AS 15.80.008(a) to eliminate the requirement for political parties to submit their bylaws to the Director of the Division of Elections or the US Department of Justice.

**Section 52** amends AS 15.80.010(9) to conform to Section 27.

**Section 53** amends AS 15.80.010(27) to eliminate the requirement for a political party to nominate a candidate for governor in order to maintain "party status".

**Section 54** amends AS 39.50.020(b) to conform to Section 55.

**Section 55** repeals:

- AS 15.13.110(j) - nomination by petition for APOC report compliance
- AS 15.25.014 - participation in primary election selection of a political party's candidate
- AS 15.25.056 - nomination by party petition where incumbent dies or is disqualified or incapacitated
- AS 15.25.110 - filling vacancies by party petition
- AS 15.25.120 - requirements for party petition
- AS 15.25.130 - selection of nominees for party petitions
- AS 15.25.140 - provision for unaffiliated candidate nominations
- AS 15.25.150 - date of filing petition
- AS 15.25.160 - required number of signatures for statewide office
- AS 15.25.170 - required number of signatures for district-wide office
- AS 15.25.180 - requirements for petition
- AS 15.25.185 - eligibility for candidates by petition
- AS 15.25.190 - placement of names on general election ballot for candidates by petition
- AS 15.25.200 - withdrawal of candidate's name for candidates by petition
- AS 15.40.141 - condition of calling a special runoff election
- AS 15.40.142 - time of calling the special election and the special runoff election
- AS 15.40.150 - condition for holding special election with primary
- AS 15.40.200 - requirements of party petition for US Senator and US Representative
- AS 15.40.210 - selection of party nominees
- AS 15.40.290 - requirements of party petition for Lt. Governor and Governor
- AS 15.40.300 - selection of party nominees
- AS 15.40.450 - requirements of petition by political party
- AS 15.40.460 - selection of political party nominees
- AS 15.56.030(a) (4) - criminalization of knowingly allowing an individual to vote on a primary they are unqualified for
- AS 15.56.030(a) (5) - criminalization of suggesting or forcing an individual to select a particular type of primary ballot
- AS 15.56.035(a) (5) - criminalization of knowingly encouraging individuals to select the wrong primary ballot
- AS 15.56.035(a) (6) - criminalization for knowingly encouraging individuals to select the wrong primary ballot

**Section 56** amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska, by adding transitional language.

**Section 57** adds an effective date for January 1, 2020.

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### **Explanation of Changes - House Bill 200**

#### **CS Version U to CS Version R**

#### *Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections*

**Section 21** amends AS 15.25.010 to conform to Section 24.

**Section 24** adds subsections to AS 15.15.100 to allow a candidate that placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the primary election to advance to the general election should a top two candidate die, withdraw, resign or become disqualified.

**Section 47** amends AS 15.58.020(a) to conform to Section 24.

**Section 49** amends AS 15.58.020 to conform to Section 24.

# LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SERVICES

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## Voter Participation in Top Two Elections

Tim Spengler, Legislative Analyst

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***You asked for information on voter turnout in the four states with top two election systems. You also wished to know if a top two system affected the number of candidates who participated in primary elections in these states.***

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As you are aware, the four states with top two primary systems are California, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Washington.<sup>1</sup> As Louisiana has had its system in place for over 40 years, and Nebraska for far longer, it was not possible to identify whether their systems increased or decreased voter turnout in elections. Also, although Washington State only implemented its top two system in 2004, historic data on voter turnout rates prior to the change was not readily available.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, we focused our review on California, which implemented its system in 2010.

According to our review, it appears that neither voter turnout nor candidate participation has changed significantly in California since its top two system was implemented. We spoke at length with Kim Alexander, president of The California Voter Foundation, regarding the experience of top two elections in California.<sup>3</sup> Ms. Alexander generally lauded the system, asserting that it creates more competition for incumbents and allows voters, no matter their party affiliation, to choose the two finalists for a given office. She relates, however, that there is no evidence, at this point, that the system has either increased or decreased voter turnout or the number of candidates participating in primary elections.

Ms. Alexander referred us to a page on her foundation's website, [www.calvoter.org/voter/elections/index.html](http://www.calvoter.org/voter/elections/index.html), which provides primary and general election information from 1994-2016. From this site, you can see the number of candidates on the ballot for elections in each California district.<sup>4</sup> We perused a number of these elections, both before and after the top two system was implemented in California, and found no discernable difference in candidate participation, as Ms. Alexander had indicated was the case. She also pointed us to a 2016 document from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), entitled "Assessing the Top Two Primary," which provides an analysis of the top two system.<sup>5</sup> The piece includes the following:

For the state senate and US House, far more candidates under the top two have faced at least one candidate from their own party, a trend that shows no sign of letting up in 2016. But intra-party challenges for the assembly have faded to the point where such competition is not much more common than before the reform. The top two has actually discouraged some major-party candidates in heavily partisan districts from running, since such candidates are no longer guaranteed a place on the fall ballot.

The full document can be accessed at [http://ppic.org/main/blog\\_detail.asp?i=2070](http://ppic.org/main/blog_detail.asp?i=2070).

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<sup>1</sup> Nebraska's top two elections are for nonpartisan legislative races only.

<sup>2</sup> A 2016 article in *The Olympian* indicates that voter turnout has declined slightly over the past eight years in Washington. This article can be viewed at [www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/article95206707.html#storylink=cpy](http://www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/article95206707.html#storylink=cpy).

<sup>3</sup> Ms. Alexander can be reached at (916) 441-2494. The California Voter Foundation is a non-partisan entity that endeavors to advance the responsible use of technology to improve the democratic process, [www.calvoter.org/index.html](http://www.calvoter.org/index.html).

<sup>4</sup> From this site, click on the year and the election type (primary or general), then the "congress" tab, and, finally, select "U.S. House Races." From there you will see, for each district, how many candidates ran for office. You can also view this information for other national elections and state assembly races from this site.

<sup>5</sup> The PPIC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that aims to inform and improve public policy in California through independent, objective, nonpartisan research, <http://ppic.org/main/home.asp>.

In Table 1, we provide voter turnout rates in statewide primary elections in California from 2006 through 2016.

<b>Table 1: California Voter Turnout Rates in Statewide Primary Elections, 2006-2016</b>					
<b>Prior to Top Two</b>			<b>Top Two System</b>		
<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>
23%	40%	24%	22%	18%	34%

While likely of little comparative value (between top two and other systems), we also provide, in Table 2, voter turnout data for the states with top two election systems in the 2008, 2012, and 2016 primary and general elections. Across the country, voter turnout rates in general elections have been relatively consistent over the last several decades, between 48 and 57 percent from 1980 to 2016. This is much lower, however, than many other countries. A Pew Research Center 2016 study on this point, "U.S. Voter Turnout Trails Most Developed Countries," can be viewed at [www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/08/02/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/08/02/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/). Also, The United States Elections Project provides state turnout rates in general and primary elections from 2000-2016, at [www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data](http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data).

<b>Table 2: Voter Turnout Rates in Statewide Elections in States with Top Two Systems</b>						
	<b>2008</b>		<b>2012</b>		<b>2016</b>	
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>General</b>
<b>California</b>	40%	59%	22%	55%	34%	59%
<b>Louisiana</b>	18%	62%	10%	59%	18%	61%
<b>Nebraska</b>	23%	64%	26%	61%	27%	64%
<b>Washington</b>	43%	85%	38%	81%	35%	78%

**Notes:** Percentages are rounded. Turnout rates for primaries and general elections in presidential years (such as these) are typically higher across the county.

**Sources:** California and Washington figures came from their respective state election webpages: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/prior-elections/statewide-election-results/statewide-direct-primary-election-june-3-2014/statement-vote](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/prior-elections/statewide-election-results/statewide-direct-primary-election-june-3-2014/statement-vote); and <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/Data-and-Statistics.aspx>, respectively. We identified data for Louisiana and Nebraska on the U.S. Election Project website at [www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data](http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data), as well as the Nebraska election site at [www.sos.ne.gov/elec/prev\\_elec/](http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/prev_elec/).

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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## MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Questions relating to CSHB 200( )  
Work Order No. 30-LS0038\U

**TO:** Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
Attn: Courtney Enright

**FROM:** Alpheus Bullard  
Legislative Counsel



This memorandum accompanies the bill described above. Ms. Enright asked several questions. Her questions, paraphrased for clarity, and my answers follow.

***Under CSHB 200( ) if two candidates for governor receive an equal number of votes in the primary election, how would the Division of Elections (division) determine which candidate may select a candidate for lieutenant governor first?***

If the two highest vote-getters for the office of governor receive identical numbers of votes at the primary election, these two candidates' names will be placed on the general election ballot as the two named candidates for governor. *See* the bill's sec. 15.25.100(b). However, the bill does not address how two candidates for governor, each of whom received the same number of votes at the primary election, must select their lieutenant governor running mates under the bill's sec. 15.25.100(c). If both candidates wanted to run with the same candidate for lieutenant governor, it is possible that the division would resort to the having the candidates draw lots to determine which candidate for governor would first chose a running mate (*see* AS 15.20.530). If you would like the bill to include a provision addressing this possibility, please advise.

***Under the Constitution of the State of Alaska, could the primary election for lieutenant governor be eliminated allowing each candidate for governor to select a candidate for lieutenant governor to run with them on the general election ballot?***

It is likely that an Alaska court would find that a primary election system in which candidates running for the office of lieutenant governor do not appear on the primary ballot does not meet the requirements of the state constitution. Given that art. III, sec. 8 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska<sup>1</sup> requires "[t]he lieutenant governor [to] be

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<sup>1</sup> That provision in its entirety provides:

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nominated in the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other elective offices[.]" it is likely that a court would find that candidates for lieutenant governor must be nominated at the primary election in the same manner as other candidates for elective public office.

***Why is that portion of AS 15.80.008(a) that required a political party to submit its bylaws to the Director of the Division of Elections and the United States Department of Justice removed?***

The provision is removed because the bill repeals AS 15.25.014. AS 15.25.014 is repealed in the bill because preclearance of Alaska's election practices and procedures is no longer required under sec. 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act.<sup>2</sup> Even if preclearance were still required, AS 15.25.014 would be made unnecessary by the adoption of a top two nonpartisan open primary election system.

The requirement that political parties must submit their bylaws to the Department of Justice and the director was enacted into law in 2001 (*see* ch. 103, SLA 2001), at the time Alaska adopted its modified "closed" primary election system in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000).<sup>3</sup> At that time, Alaska was a covered jurisdiction under sec. 5 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1973 *et seq.*). As a covered jurisdiction, all of the state's election processes and procedures were subject to scrutiny as to whether they would lead to a retrogression in the position of certain minority populations' ability to participate in the electoral franchise. Note that because this draft bill establishes a top two nonpartisan open primary, a state political party's bylaws would not affect who was qualified to vote in a state primary election under the bill and could not result in any denial or abridgement of voting rights.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**Election.** The lieutenant governor shall be nominated in the manner provided by law for nominating candidates for other elective offices. In the general election the votes cast for a candidate for governor shall be considered as cast also for the candidate for lieutenant governor running jointly with him. The candidate whose name appears on the ballot jointly with that of the successful candidate for governor shall be elected lieutenant governor.

<sup>2</sup> *United States Supreme Court in Shelby County v. Holder*, 133 S. Ct. 2612 (US 2013).

<sup>3</sup> For the statement of legislative purpose, *see* sec. 1 ch. 103 SLA 2001.

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## Primaries in Other States

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***You wished to know how many states have a "top two" primary process and how they were implemented. You also wished to know how many different primary systems exist in the country.***

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### Top-Two Primaries

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Only four states use a top-two primary system: California, Louisiana, Nebraska (for their nonpartisan legislative races only), and Washington. As you know, a top-two primary lists all candidates on the same ballot regardless of party. The top two vote-getters advance to the general election regardless of their party affiliation.<sup>1</sup> Top-two primary systems have been implemented as follows:

- California implemented its top-two primary via citizens' initiative Proposition 14, in 2010. Information on this proposition can be accessed at [https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_14\\_Top\\_Two\\_Primaries\\_Act\\_\(June\\_2010\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_14_Top_Two_Primaries_Act_(June_2010)).
- Louisiana implemented its top-two primary through statute in 1976. Information on the state's primary and general elections can be viewed at [www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ElectionCode.pdf](http://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/ElectionCode.pdf) (page 66). See LA Rev Stat § 18.511 (page 114) specifically for section on "election of candidate in a primary election."
- Nebraska's top-two primary system was implemented through a combination of a constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1934, Article III sec. 7 of the Nebraska Constitution (<http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/articles.php?article=III-7&print=true>), and a statute passed shortly thereafter Neb. Rev. Stat. 32-508, 32-810, and 32-814.<sup>2</sup>
- Washington implemented its top-two primary through *Citizens' Initiative 872*, in 2004. Information on this proposition can be accessed at [https://ballotpedia.org/Washington\\_Top\\_Two\\_Primaries\\_Initiative\\_872\\_\(2004\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Washington_Top_Two_Primaries_Initiative_872_(2004)).

### State Primary Systems

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Primary systems are typically categorized as either closed, partially closed (employed in Alaska), partially open, open to unaffiliated voters, open, or top-two. Below we highlight the main features of each of these systems, as well as the states that employ them. The majority of information in this section we found on the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL)

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<sup>1</sup> In Louisiana, if a candidate gets over 50 percent of the vote in the first stage, he or she wins the election outright. If no candidate receives over 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates go into a runoff election thirty days later. While considered a top-two system, it is also sometimes referred to as a *jungle* primary system.

<sup>2</sup> <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/browse-chapters.php?chapter=32>. Nebraska Revised Statute 32-814 (2) is particularly relevant; "(2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall place on the official general election ballot in each office division no more than twice as many names as there are places to be filled at the general election unless more than one candidate has successfully petitioned on the ballot to fill a vacancy after the primary election. The names of the nonpartisan candidates who received the highest number of votes for the office for which they were candidates in the primary election shall be placed on the official ballot. If more than one person was a candidate for the same position in the primary election, the election commissioner or county clerk shall place on the official ballot the names of the two persons who received the highest number of votes in the primary election for the position for which they were candidates."

election webpages; especially useful was a table on primary types at [www.ncsl.org/documents/Elections/Primary\\_Types\\_Table\\_2017.pdf](http://www.ncsl.org/documents/Elections/Primary_Types_Table_2017.pdf).

According to NCSL election experts, most states have enacted their primary systems through statute. Most recently, in 2016, Colorado approved changes making primaries more open to unaffiliated voters via citizens' initiative Proposition 108, which allowed unaffiliated electors to vote in the primary elections of major political parties without declaring an affiliation with the party.<sup>3</sup> Prior to that, in 2011, Idaho changed its statutes to allow political parties to decide which voters could participate in the primary.

### **Closed Primaries**

In general, a voter seeking to vote in a closed primary must first be a registered party member. Typically, the voter affiliates with a party on his or her voter registration application. This system deters "cross-over" voting by members of other parties. Independent or unaffiliated voters, by definition, are excluded from participating in the party nomination contests. This system generally contributes to a strong party organization.

The following nine states use a closed primary system: Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

### **Partially Closed**

In this system, state law permits political parties to choose whether to allow unaffiliated voters or voters not registered with the party to participate in their nominating contests before each election cycle. In this type of system, parties may allow participation from unaffiliated voters, while still excluding members of opposing parties. This system gives parties more flexibility from year-to-year about which voters to include. At the same time, it can create uncertainty about whether or not certain voters can participate in party primaries in a given year.

The following seven states use a partially closed primary system: **Alaska**, Connecticut, Idaho, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Utah.

### **Partially Open**

This system permits voters to cross party lines, but they must either publicly declare their ballot choice or their ballot selection may be regarded as a form of registration with the corresponding party. Illinois and Ohio have this system. Iowa asks voters to choose a party on the state voter registration form, yet it allows a primary voter to publicly change party affiliation for purposes of voting on primary Election Day. Some state parties keep track of who votes in their primaries as a means to identify their backers.

The following six states use a partially open primary system: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wyoming.

### **Open to Unaffiliated Voters**

A number of states allow only unaffiliated voters to participate in any party primary they choose, but do not allow voters who are registered with one party to vote in another party's primary. This system differs from a true open primary because a Democrat cannot cross over and vote in a Republican Party primary, or vice versa. Some of these states, such as Colorado and New Hampshire, require that unaffiliated voters declare affiliation with a party at the polls in order to vote in that party's primary.

The following nine states use this primary system: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.

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<sup>3</sup> Information on Proposition 108 can be viewed at [https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado\\_Unaffiliated\\_Elector,\\_Proposition\\_108\\_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_Unaffiliated_Elector,_Proposition_108_(2016)).

### **Open Primaries**

In general, but not always, states that do not ask voters to choose parties on the voter registration form are “open primary” states. In an open primary, voters may choose privately in which primary to vote. In other words, voters may choose which party’s ballot to vote, but this decision is private and does not register the voter with that party. This permits a voter to cast a vote across party lines for the primary election. Critics argue that the open primary dilutes the parties’ ability to nominate. Supporters say this system gives voters maximal flexibility—allowing them to cross party lines—and maintains their privacy.

The following 15 states use an open primary system: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

### **Top-Two Primaries**

As mentioned above, California, Louisiana, Nebraska (for state elections) and Washington currently use a top two primary system. The top two format uses a common ballot, listing all candidates on the same ballot. Advocates of the top-two primary system argue that it increases the likelihood of moderate candidates advancing to the general election ballot. Opponents maintain that it reduces voter choice by making it possible that two candidates of the same party face off in the general election. They also contend that it is tilted against minor parties who will face slim odds of earning one of only two spots on the general election ballot.

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

# LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

MARCH 18, 2008



REPORT NUMBER 08.208

## WASHINGTON'S MODIFIED BLANKET PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEM RULED CONSTITUTIONAL BY U.S. SUPREME COURT

PREPARED FOR REPRESENTATIVE MAX GRUENBERG

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You previously asked for documents pertinent to the U.S. Supreme Court's consideration of the consolidated cases, *Washington State Grange v. Washington Republican Party* (Docket No. 06-713) and *Washington v. Washington Republican Party* (Docket No. 06-730), both involving the primary election system established in Washington as a result of the passage of Initiative 872 in 2004.

As in Alaska, Washington's blanket primary was changed after a determination that the system was materially similar to that in California—a system that was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*.<sup>1</sup> Alaska returned to a partially closed primary. Washington voters, on the other hand, implemented by Initiative 872 a modified blanket primary system whereby ballots would identify candidates' party "preference," any voter could vote for any candidate, and the two candidates with the most votes for a given office would advance to the general election, without regard to party affiliation.

Representatives of Washington's Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian parties challenged this modified blanket primary, claiming that the law, on its face, violated a party's associational rights. The district court permanently enjoined implementation, and the Ninth Circuit affirmed that decision, invalidating the system in its entirety. Washington State and the Washington State Grange (originator of Initiative 872) both petitioned for review, and the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on October 1, 2007, the first day of the current term.

The Court issued its decision on these cases today, March 18, 2008, holding that the system is facially constitutional, that it does not severely burden associational rights and, therefore, does not require the strict scrutiny showing of a compelling state interest. As such, the Court reversed the Ninth Circuit's decision in 460 F.3d 1108.

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We include a copy of the Court's decision and hope you find this information to be useful. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

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<sup>1</sup> *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S.567 (2000). California used a closed, partisan primary until 1996 when Proposition 198 changed the system to a blanket primary, despite party rules prohibiting persons who were not members of the party from voting in the party's primary. Lower courts affirmed the constitutionality of the change, but on appeal, the U.S. Supreme Court's split decision held that the resulting burden on the party's associational right was unjustified.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE, PETITIONER 06-730 v. WASHINGTON  
STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ET AL. WASHINGTON, ET AL., PETITIONERS  
06-730 v. WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ET AL.

Nos. 06-713 and 06-730

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

2008 U.S. LEXIS 2707

October 1, 2007, Argued  
March 18, 2008, Decided

\* Together with No. 06-730, Washington et al. v. Washington State Republican Party et al., also on certiorari to the same court.

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**PRIOR HISTORY: [\*1]**

ON WRITS OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.

**DISPOSITION:** 460 F.3d 1108, reversed.

**SYLLABUS**

After the Ninth Circuit invalidated Washington's blanket primary system on the ground that it was nearly identical to the California system struck down in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567, state voters passed an initiative (I-872), providing that candidates must be identified on the primary ballot by their self-designated party preference; that voters may vote for any candidate; and that the two top votegetters for each office, regardless of party preference, advance to the general election. Respondent political parties claim that the new law, on its face, violates a party's associational rights by usurping its right to nominate its own candidates and by forcing it to associate with candidates it does not endorse. The District Court granted respondents summary judgment, enjoining I-872's implementation. The Ninth Circuit affirmed.

*Held:* I-872 is facially constitutional. Pp. 6-16.

(a) Facial challenges, which require a showing that a law is unconstitutional in all of its applications, are disfavored: They often rest on speculation; they run contrary to the fundamental [\*2] principle of judicial re-

straint that courts should neither "anticipate a question of constitutional law in advance of the necessity of deciding it" nor "formulate a rule of constitutional law broader than is required by the precise facts to which it is to be applied," *Ashwander v. TVA*, 297 U.S. 288, 483; and they threaten to shortcircuit the democratic process by preventing laws embodying the will of the people from being implemented consistent with the Constitution. Pp. 6-8.

(b) If I-872 severely burdens associational rights, it is subject to strict scrutiny and will be upheld only if it is "narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest," *Clingman v. Beaver*, 544 U.S. 581, 586. Contrary to petitioners' argument, this Court's presumption in *Jones*--that a nonpartisan blanket primary where the top two votegetters proceed to the general election regardless of party would be a less restrictive alternative to California's system because it would not nominate candidates -- is not dispositive here. There, the Court had no occasion to determine whether a primary system that indicates each candidate's party preference on the ballot, in effect, chooses the parties' nominees. Respondents' [\*3] arguments that I-872 imposes a severe burden are flawed. They claim that the law is unconstitutional under *Jones* because it allows primary voters unaffiliated with a party to choose the party's nominee, thus violating the party's right to choose its own standard bearer. Unlike California's primary, however, the I-872 primary does not, by its terms, choose the parties' nominees. The choice of a party representative does not occur under I-872. The two top primary candidates proceed to the general election regardless of their party preferences. Whether the parties nominate their own candidate outside the state-run primary is irrelevant. Respondents counter that voters will assume that candidates on the general election ballot are their preferred nominees; and that even if voters do not make that assumption, they will at least assume that the

parties associate with, and approve of, the nominees. However, those claims depend not on any facial requirement of I-872, but on the possibility that voters will be confused as to the meaning of the party-preference designation. This is sheer speculation. Even if voters could possibly misinterpret the designations, I-872 cannot be struck down in [\*4] a facial challenge based on the mere possibility of voter confusion. The State could implement I-872 in a variety of ways, e.g., through ballot design, that would eliminate any real threat of confusion. And without the specter of widespread voter confusion, respondents' forced association and compelled speech arguments fall flat. Pp. 8-15.

(c) Because I-872 does not severely burden respondents, the State need not assert a compelling interest. Its interest in providing voters with relevant information about the candidates on the ballot is easily sufficient to sustain the provision. P. 15.

460 F.3d 1108, reversed.

**JUDGES:** THOMAS, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which ROBERTS, C. J., and STEVENS, SOUTER, GINSBURG, BREYER, and ALITO, JJ., joined. ROBERTS, C. J., filed a concurring opinion, in which ALITO, J., joined. SCALIA, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which KENNEDY, J., joined.

#### OPINION BY: THOMAS

#### OPINION

*JUSTICE THOMAS* delivered the opinion of the Court.

In 2004, voters in the State of Washington passed an initiative changing the State's primary election system. The People's Choice Initiative of 2004, or Initiative 872 (I-872), provides that candidates for office shall be identified on the ballot by [\*5] their self-designated "party preference"; that voters may vote for any candidate; and that the top two votegetters for each office, regardless of party preference, advance to the general election. The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held I-872 facially invalid as imposing an unconstitutional burden on state political parties' First Amendment rights. Because I-872 does not on its face impose a severe burden on political parties' associational rights, and because respondents' arguments to the contrary rest on factual assumptions about voter confusion that can be evaluated only in the context of an as-applied challenge, we reverse.

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For most of the past century, Washington voters selected nominees for state and local offices using a blanket primary. From 1935 until 2003, the State used a

blanket primary that placed candidates from all parties on one ballot and allowed voters to select a candidate from any party. See 1935 Wash. Laws, ch. §§ 1-5, pp. 60-64. Under this system, the candidate who won a plurality of votes within each major party became that party's nominee in the general election. See 2003 Wash. Laws, § 919, p. 775.

1 The term "blanket primary" refers to a system in which [\*6] "any person, regardless of party affiliation, may vote for a party's nominee." *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567, 576, n. 6 (2000). A blanket primary is distinct from an "open primary," in which a person may vote for any party's nominees, but must choose among that party's nominees for all offices, *ibid.*, and the more traditional "closed primary" in which "only persons who are members of the political party . . . can vote on its nominee," *id.*, at 570.

California used a nearly identical primary in its own elections until our decision in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000). In *Jones*, four political parties challenged California's blanket primary, arguing that it unconstitutionally burdened their associational rights by forcing them to associate with voters who did not share their beliefs. We agreed and struck down the blanket primary as inconsistent with the First Amendment. In so doing, we emphasized the importance of the nomination process as "the crucial juncture at which the appeal to common principles may be translated into concerted action, and hence to political power in the community." *Id.*, at 575 (quoting *Tashjian v. Republican Party of Conn.*, 479 U.S. 208, 216 (1986)). [\*7] We observed that a party's right to exclude is central to its freedom of association, and is never "more important than in the process of selecting its nominee." 530 U.S., at 575. California's blanket primary, we concluded, severely burdened the parties' freedom of association because it forced them to allow nonmembers to participate in selecting the parties' nominees. That the parties retained the right to endorse their preferred candidates did not render the burden any less severe, as "[t]here is simply no substitute for a party's selecting its own candidates." *Id.*, at 581.

Because California's blanket primary severely burdened the parties' associational rights, we subjected it to strict scrutiny, carefully examining each of the state interests offered by California in support of its primary system. We rejected as illegitimate three of the asserted interests: "producing elected officials who better represent the electorate," "expanding candidate debate beyond the scope of partisan concerns," and ensuring "the right to an effective vote" by allowing nonmembers of a party

to vote in the majority party's primary in "safe" districts. *Id.*, at 582-584. We concluded that the remaining [\*8] interests--promoting fairness, affording voters greater choice, increasing voter participation, and protecting privacy--were not compelling on the facts of the case. Even if they were, the partisan California primary was not narrowly tailored to further those interests because a nonpartisan blanket primary, in which the top two votegetters advance to the general election regardless of party affiliation, would accomplish each of those interests without burdening the parties' associational rights. *Id.*, at 585-586. The nonpartisan blanket primary had "all the characteristics of the partisan blanket primary, save the constitutionally crucial one: Primary voters [were] not choosing a party's nominee." *Ibid.*

After our decision in *Jones*, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit struck down Washington's primary as "materially indistinguishable from the California scheme." *Democratic Party of Washington State v. Reed*, 343 F.3d 1198, 1203 (2003). The Washington State Grange<sup>2</sup> promptly proposed I-872 as a replacement.<sup>3</sup> It passed with nearly 60% of the vote and became effective in December 2004.

2 The Washington State Grange is a fraternal, social, and civic organization chartered by the National [\*9] Grange in 1889. Although originally formed to represent the interests of farmers, the organization has advocated a variety of goals, including women's suffrage, rural electrification, protection of water resources, and universal telephone service. The State Grange also supported the Washington constitutional amendment establishing initiatives and referendums and sponsored the 1934 blanket primary initiative.

3 Respondents make much of the fact that the promoters of I-872 presented it to Washington voters as a way to preserve the primary system in place from 1935 to 2003. But our task is not to judge I-872 based on its promoters' assertions about its similarity, or lack thereof, to the unconstitutional primary; we must evaluate the constitutionality of I-872 on its own terms. Whether the language of I-872 was purposely drafted to survive a *Jones*-type constitutional challenge is irrelevant to whether it has successfully done so.

Under I-872, all elections for "partisan offices"<sup>4</sup> are conducted in two stages: a primary and a general election. To participate in the primary, a candidate must file a "declaration of candidacy" form, on which he declares his "major or minor party preference, [\*10] or independent status." Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.24.030 (Supp. 2005). Each candidate and his party preference (or independent status) is in turn designated on the primary elec-

tion ballot. A political party cannot prevent a candidate who is unaffiliated with, or even repugnant to, the party from designating it as his party of preference. See Wash. Admin. Code § 434-215-015 (2005). In the primary election, voters may select "any candidate listed on the ballot, regardless of the party preference of the candidates or the voter." § 434-262-012.

4 "'Partisan office' means a public office for which a candidate may indicate a political party preference on his or her declaration of candidacy and have that preference appear on the primary and general election ballot in conjunction with his or her name." Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.04.110 (Supp. 2005).

The candidates with the highest and second-highest vote totals advance to the general election, regardless of their party preferences. *Ibid.* Thus, the general election may pit two candidates with the same party preference against one another.<sup>5</sup> Each candidate's party preference is listed on the general election ballot, and may not be changed between the primary [\*11] and general elections. See § 434-230-040.

5 This is not a hypothetical outcome. The Court of Appeals observed that, had the 1996 gubernatorial primary been conducted under the I-872 system, two Democratic candidates and no Republican candidate would have advanced from the primary to the general election. See 460 F.3d 1108, 1114, n. 8 (CA9 2006).

Immediately after the State enacted regulations to implement I-872, the Washington State Republican Party filed suit against a number of county auditors challenging the law on its face. The party contended that the new system violates its associational rights by usurping its right to nominate its own candidates and by forcing it to associate with candidates it does not endorse. The Washington State Democratic Central Committee and Libertarian Party of Washington State joined the suit as plaintiffs. The Washington State Grange joined as a defendant, and the State of Washington was substituted for the county auditors as defendant. The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington granted the political parties' motions for summary judgment and enjoined the implementation of I-872. See *Washington State Republican Party v. Logan*, 377 F. Supp. 2d 907, 932 (2005).

The [\*12] Court of Appeals affirmed. 460 F.3d 1108, 1125 (CA9 2006). It held that the I-872 primary severely burdens the political parties' associational rights because the party-preference designation on the ballot creates a risk that primary winners will be perceived as the parties' nominees and produces an "impression of

associatio[n]" between a candidate and his party of preference even when the party does not associate, or wish to be associated, with the candidate. *Id.*, at 1119. The Court of Appeals noted a "constitutionally significant distinction between ballots and other vehicles for political expression," reasoning that the risk of perceived association is particularly acute when ballots include party labels because such labels are typically used to designate candidates' views on issues of public concern. *Id.*, at 1121. And it determined that the State's interests underlying I-872 were not sufficiently compelling to justify the severe burden on the parties' association. Concluding that the provisions of I-872 providing for the party-preference designation on the ballot were not severable, the court struck down I-872 in its entirety.

We granted certiorari, 549 U.S. (2007), to determine [\*13] whether I-872, on its face, violates the political parties' associational rights.

## II

Respondents object to I-872 not in the context of an actual election, but in a facial challenge. Under *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739 (1987), a plaintiff can only succeed in a facial challenge by "establish[ing] that no set of circumstances exists under which the Act would be valid," *i.e.*, that the law is unconstitutional in all of its applications. *Id.*, at 745. While some Members of the Court have criticized the *Salerno* formulation, all agree that a facial challenge must fail where the statute has a "plainly legitimate sweep." *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702, 739-740, and n. 7 (1997) (STEVENS, J., concurring in judgments). Washington's primary system survives under either standard, as we explain below. <sup>6</sup> In determining whether a law is facially invalid, we must be careful not to go beyond the statute's facial requirements and speculate about "hypothetical" or "imaginary" cases. See *United States v. Raines*, 362 U.S. 17, 22 (1960) ("The delicate power of pronouncing an Act of Congress unconstitutional is not to be exercised with reference to hypothetical cases thus imagined"). The State [\*14] has had no opportunity to implement I-872, and its courts have had no occasion to construe the law in the context of actual disputes arising from the electoral context, or to accord the law a limiting construction to avoid constitutional questions. Cf. *Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R. Co. v. Jackson Vinegar Co.*, 226 U.S. 217, 220 (1912) ("How the state court may apply [a statute] to other cases, whether its general words may be treated as more or less restrained, and how far parts of it may be sustained if others fail are matters upon which we need not speculate now"). Exercising judicial restraint in a facial challenge "frees the Court not only from unnecessary pronouncement on constitutional issues, but also from premature interpretations of statutes in areas where their constitutional application might be cloudy." *Raines, supra*, at 22.

6 Our cases recognize a second type of facial challenge in the First Amendment context under which a law may be overturned as impermissibly overbroad because a "substantial number" of its applications are unconstitutional, "judged in relation to the statute's plainly legitimate sweep." *New York v. Ferber*, 458 U.S. 747, 769-771 (1982) (quoting *Broadrick v. Oklahoma*, 413 U.S. 601, 615 (1973)). [\*15] We generally do not apply the "strong medicine" of overbreadth analysis where the parties fail to describe the instances of arguable overbreadth of the contested law. See *New York State Club Assn., Inc. v. City of New York*, 487 U.S. 1, 14 (1988).

Facial challenges are disfavored for several reasons. Claims of facial invalidity often rest on speculation. As a consequence, they raise the risk of "premature interpretation of statutes on the basis of factually barebones records." *Sabri v. United States*, 541 U.S. 600, 609 (2004) (internal quotation marks and brackets omitted). Facial challenges also run contrary to the fundamental principle of judicial restraint that courts should neither "anticipate a question of constitutional law in advance of the necessity of deciding it" nor "formulate a rule of constitutional law broader than is required by the precise facts to which it is to be applied." *Ashwander v. TVA*, 297 U.S. 288, 347 (1936) (Brandeis, J., concurring) (quoting *Liverpool, New York & Philadelphia S. S. Co. v. Commissioners of Emigration*, 113 U.S. 33, 39 (1885)). Finally, facial challenges threaten to short circuit the democratic process by preventing laws embodying the will [\*16] of the people from being implemented in a manner consistent with the Constitution. We must keep in mind that "[a] ruling of unconstitutionality frustrates the intent of the elected representatives of the people." *Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New Eng.*, 546 U.S. 320, 329 (2006) (quoting *Regan v. Time, Inc.*, 468 U.S. 641, 652 (1984) (plurality opinion)). It is with these principles in view that we turn to the merits of respondents' facial challenge to I-872.

## A

The States possess a "broad power to prescribe the "Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives," Art. I, § 4, cl. 1, which power is matched by state control over the election process for state offices." *Clingman v. Beaver*, 544 U.S. 581, 586 (2005) (quoting *Tashjian*, 479 U.S., at 217); *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 358 (1997) (same). This power is not absolute, but is "subject to the limitation that [it] may not be exercised in a way that violates . . . specific provisions of the Constitution." *Williams v. Rhodes*, 393 U.S. 23, 29 (1968). In particular, the State has the "responsibility to observe the

limits established by the First Amendment rights of the State's [\*17] citizens," including the freedom of political association. *Eu v. San Francisco County Democratic Central Comm.*, 489 U.S. 214, 222 (1989) (quoting *Tashjian, supra*, at 217).

Election regulations that impose a severe burden on associational rights are subject to strict scrutiny, and we uphold them only if they are "narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest." *Clingman, supra*, at 586; see also *Rhodes, supra*, at 31 ("only a compelling state interest in the regulation of a subject within the State's constitutional power to regulate can justify limiting First Amendment freedoms" (quoting *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U.S. 415, 438 (1963))). If a statute imposes only modest burdens, however, then "the State's important regulatory interests are generally sufficient to justify reasonable, nondiscriminatory restrictions" on election procedures. *Anderson v. Celebrezze*, 460 U.S. 780, 788 (1983). "Accordingly, we have repeatedly upheld reasonable, politically neutral regulations that have the effect of channeling expressive activity at the polls." *Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428, 438 (1992).

The parties do not dispute these general principles; rather, they disagree about whether I-872 severely [\*18] burdens respondents' associational rights. That disagreement begins with *Jones*. Petitioners argue that the I-872 primary is indistinguishable from the alternative *Jones* suggested would be constitutional. In *Jones* we noted that a nonpartisan blanket primary, where the top two votegetters proceed to the general election regardless of their party, was a less restrictive alternative to California's system because such a primary does not nominate candidates. 530 U.S., at 585-586 (The nonpartisan blanket primary "has all the characteristics of the partisan blanket primary, save the constitutionally crucial one: Primary voters are not choosing a party's nominee"). Petitioners are correct that we assumed that the nonpartisan primary we described in *Jones* would be constitutional. But that is not dispositive here because we had no occasion in *Jones* to determine whether a primary system that indicates each candidate's party preference on the ballot, in effect, chooses the parties' nominees.

That question is now squarely before us. Respondents argue that I-872 is unconstitutional under *Jones* because it has the same "constitutionally crucial" infirmity that doomed California's blanket primary: it [\*19] allows primary voters who are unaffiliated with a party to choose the party's nominee. Respondents claim that candidates who progress to the general election under I-872 will become the *de facto* nominees of the parties they prefer, thereby violating the parties' right to choose their own standard-bearers, see *Timmons, supra*, at 359, and altering their messages. They rely on our statement in *Jones* reaffirming "the special place the First Amend-

ment reserves for, and the special protection it accords, the process by which a political party 'select[s] a standard bearer who best represents the party's ideologies and preferences.'" *Jones*, 550 U.S., at 575 (quoting *Eu, supra*, at 224).

The flaw in this argument is that, unlike the California primary, the I-872 primary does not, by its terms, choose parties' nominees. The essence of nomination--the choice of a party representative--does not occur under I-872. The law never refers to the candidates as nominees of any party, nor does it treat them as such. To the contrary, the election regulations specifically provide that the primary "does not serve to determine the nominees of a political party but serves to winnow the number of candidates to [\*20] a final list of two for the general election." Wash. Admin. Code § 434-262-012. The top two candidates from the primary election proceed to the general election regardless of their party preferences. Whether parties nominate their own candidates outside the state-run primary is simply irrelevant. In fact, parties may now nominate candidates by whatever mechanism they choose because I-872 repealed Washington's prior regulations governing party nominations.<sup>7</sup>

7 It is true that parties may no longer indicate their nominees on the ballot, but that is unexceptionable: The First Amendment does not give political parties a right to have their nominees designated as such on the ballot. See *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 362-363 (1997) ("We are unpersuaded, however, by the party's contention that it has a right to use the ballot itself to send a particularized message, to its candidate and to the voters, about the nature of its support for the candidate"). Parties do not gain such a right simply because the State affords candidates the opportunity to indicate their party preference on the ballot. "Ballots serve primarily to elect candidates, not as forums for political [\*21] expression." *Id.*, at 363.

Respondents counter that, even if the I-872 primary does not actually choose parties' nominees, it nevertheless burdens their associational rights because voters will assume that candidates on the general election ballot are the nominees of their preferred parties. This brings us to the heart of respondents' case--and to the fatal flaw in their argument. At bottom, respondents' objection to I-872 is that voters will be confused by candidates' party-preference designations. Respondents' arguments are largely variations on this theme. Thus, they argue that even if voters do not assume that candidates on the general election ballot are the nominees of their parties, they will at least assume that the parties associate with, and approve of, them. This, they say, compels them to asso-

ciate with candidates they do not endorse, alters the messages they wish to convey, and forces them to engage in counterspeech to disassociate themselves from the candidates and their positions on the issues.

We reject each of these contentions for the same reason: They all depend, not on any facial requirement of I-872, but on the possibility that voters will be confused as to the meaning [\*22] of the party-preference designation. But respondents' assertion that voters will misinterpret the party-preference designation is sheer speculation. It "depends upon the belief that voters can be 'misled' by party labels. But '[o]ur cases reflect a greater faith in the ability of individual voters to inform themselves about campaign issues.'" *Tashjian*, 479 U.S., at 220 (quoting *Anderson*, 460 U.S., at 797). There is simply no basis to presume that a well-informed electorate will interpret a candidate's party-preference designation to mean that the candidate is the party's chosen nominee or representative or that the party associates with or approves of the candidate. See *New York State Club Assn., Inc. v. City of New York*, 487 U.S. 1, 13-14 (1988) (rejecting a facial challenge to a law regulating club membership and noting that "[w]e could hardly hold otherwise on the record before us, which contains no specific evidence on the characteristics of any club covered by the [l]aw"). This strikes us as especially true here, given that it was the voters of Washington themselves, rather than their elected representatives, who enacted I-872.

Of course, it is possible that voters will misinterpret [\*23] the candidates' party-preference designations as reflecting endorsement by the parties. But these cases involve a facial challenge, and we cannot strike down I-872 on its face based on the mere possibility of voter confusion. See *Yazoo*, 226 U.S., at 219 ("[T]his court must deal with the case in hand and not with imaginary ones"); *Pullman Co. v. Knott*, 235 U.S. 23, 26 (1914) (A statute "is not to be upset upon hypothetical and unreal possibilities, if it would be good upon the facts as they are"). Because respondents brought their suit as a facial challenge, we have no evidentiary record against which to assess their assertions that voters will be confused. See *Timmons*, 520 U.S., at 375-376 (STEVENS, J., dissenting) (rejecting judgments based on "imaginative theoretical sources of voter confusion" and "entirely hypothetical" outcomes). Indeed, because I-872 has never been implemented, we do not even have ballots indicating how party preference will be displayed. It stands to reason that whether voters will be confused by the party-preference designations will depend in significant part on the form of the ballot. The Court of Appeals assumed that the ballot would not place abbreviations [\*24] like "D" and "R," or "Dem." and "Rep." after the names of candidates, but would instead "clearly state that a particular candidate 'prefers' a particular party." 460 F.3d at

1121, n. 20. It thought that even such a clear statement did too little to eliminate the risk of voter confusion.

But we see no reason to stop there. As long as we are speculating about the form of the ballot -- and we can do no more than speculate in this facial challenge -- we must, in fairness to the voters of the State of Washington who enacted I-872 and in deference to the executive and judicial officials who are charged with implementing it, ask whether the ballot could conceivably be printed in such a way as to eliminate the possibility of widespread voter confusion and with it the perceived threat to the First Amendment. See *Ayotte*, 546 U.S., at 329 (noting that courts should not nullify more of a state law than necessary so as to avoid frustrating the intent of the people and their duly elected representatives); *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, 491 U.S. 781, 795-796 (1989) ("[I]n evaluating a facial challenge to a state law, a federal court must . . . consider any limiting construction that a state [\*25] court or enforcement agency has proffered." (quoting *Hoffman Estates v. Flipside, Hoffman Estates, Inc.*, 455 U.S. 489, 494, n. 5 (1982))).

It is not difficult to conceive of such a ballot. For example, petitioners propose that the actual I-872 ballot could include prominent disclaimers explaining that party preference reflects only the self-designation of the candidate and not an official endorsement by the party. They also suggest that the ballots might note preference in the form of a candidate statement that emphasizes the candidate's personal determination rather than the party's acceptance of the candidate, such as "my party preference is the Republican Party." Additionally, the State could decide to educate the public about the new primary ballots through advertising or explanatory materials mailed to voters along with their ballots.<sup>8</sup> We are satisfied that there are a variety of ways in which the State could implement I-872 that would eliminate any real threat of voter confusion. And without the specter of widespread voter confusion, respondents' arguments about forced association<sup>9</sup> and compelled speech<sup>10</sup> fall flat.

<sup>8</sup> Washington counties have broad authority to conduct elections [\*26] entirely by mail ballot rather than at in-person polling places. See Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.48.010. As a result, over 90% of Washington voters now vote by mail. See Tr. of Oral Arg. 11.

<sup>9</sup> Respondents rely on *Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, Inc.*, 515 U.S. 557 (1995) (holding that a State may not require a parade to include a group if the parade's organizer disagrees with the group's message), and *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 U.S. 640 (2000) (holding that the Boy Scouts' freedom of

expressive association was violated by a state law requiring the organization to admit a homosexual scoutmaster). In those cases, *actual* association threatened to distort the groups' intended messages. We are aware of no case in which the mere *impression* of association was held to place a severe burden on a group's First Amendment rights, but we need not decide that question here.

10 Relying on *Pacific Gas & Elec. Co. v. Public Util. Comm'n of Cal.*, 475 U.S. 1 (1986) (holding that a state agency may not require a utility company to include a third-party newsletter in its billing envelope), respondents argue that the threat of voter confusion will force them to speak to [\*27] clarify their positions. Because I-872 does not actually force the parties to speak, however, *Pacific Gas & Elec.* is inapposite. I-872 does not require the parties to reproduce another's speech against their will; nor does it co-opt the parties' own conduits for speech. Rather, it simply provides a place on the ballot for candidates to designate their party preferences. Facilitation of speech to which a political party may choose to respond does not amount to forcing the political party to speak. Cf. *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, Inc.*, 547 U.S. 47, 64-65 (2006).

Our conclusion that these implementations of I-872 would be consistent with the First Amendment is fatal to respondents' facial challenge. See *Schall v. Martin*, 467 U.S. 253, 264 (1984) (a facial challenge fails where "at least some" constitutional applications exist). Each of their arguments rests on factual assumptions about voter confusion, and each fails for the same reason: In the absence of evidence, we cannot assume that Washington's voters will be misled. See *Jones*, 530 U.S., at 600 (STEVENS, J., dissenting) ("[A]n empirically debatable assumption . . . is too thin a reed to support a credible [\*28] First Amendment distinction" between permissible and impermissible burdens on association). That factual determination must await an as-applied challenge. On its face, I-872 does not impose any severe burden on respondents' associational rights.

#### B

Because we have concluded that I-872 does not severely burden respondents, the State need not assert a compelling interest. See *Clingman*, 544 U.S., at 593 ("When a state electoral provision places no heavy burden on associational rights, 'a State's important regulatory interests will usually be enough to justify reasonable, nondiscriminatory restrictions'" (quoting *Timmons*, 520 U.S., at 358)). The State's asserted interest in providing voters with relevant information about the candidates on the ballot is easily sufficient to sustain I-872. See

*Anderson*, 460 U.S., at 796 ("There can be no question about the legitimacy of the State's interest in fostering informed and educated expressions of the popular will in a general election"). "

11 Respondent Libertarian Party of Washington argues that I-872 is unconstitutional because of its implications for ballot access, trademark protection of party names, and campaign finance. We do not consider the [\*29] ballot access and trademark arguments as they were not addressed below and are not encompassed by the question on which we granted certiorari: "Does Washington's primary election system . . . violate the associational rights of political parties because candidates are permitted to identify their political party preference on the ballot?" Pet. for cert. in No. 06-730, p. i. The campaign finance issue also was not addressed below and is more suitable for consideration on remand.

#### III

Respondents ask this Court to invalidate a popularly enacted election process that has never been carried out. Immediately after implementing regulations were enacted, respondents obtained a permanent injunction against the enforcement of I-872. The First Amendment does not require this extraordinary and precipitous nullification of the will of the people. Because I-872 does not on its face provide for the nomination of candidates or compel political parties to associate with or endorse candidates, and because there is no basis in this facial challenge for presuming that candidates' party-preference designations will confuse voters, I-872 does not on its face severely burden respondents' associational rights. [\*30] We accordingly hold that I-872 is facially constitutional. The judgment of the Court of Appeals is reversed.

*It is so ordered.*

CONCUR BY: ROBERTS

CONCUR

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS, with whom JUSTICE ALITO joins, concurring.

I share JUSTICE SCALIA's concern that permitting a candidate to identify his political party preference on an official election ballot--regardless of whether the candidate is endorsed by the party or is even a member--may effectively force parties to accept candidates they do not want, amounting to forced association in violation of the First Amendment.

I do think, however, that whether voters *perceive* the candidate and the party to be associated is relevant to the

constitutional inquiry. Our other forced-association cases indicate as much. In *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 U.S. 640, 653 (2000), we said that Dale's presence in the Boy Scouts would "force the organization to send a message . . . [to] the world" that the Scouts approved of homosexuality. In other words, accepting Dale would lead outsiders to believe the Scouts endorsed homosexual conduct. Largely for that reason, we held that the First Amendment entitled the Scouts to exclude Dale. *Id.*, at 659. Similarly, in *Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, Inc.*, 515 U.S. 557 (1995), [\*31] we allowed the organizers of Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade to exclude a pro-gay rights float because the float's presence in the parade might create the impression that the organizers agreed with the float-sponsors' message. See *id.*, at 575-577.

Voter perceptions matter, and if voters do not actually believe the parties and the candidates are tied together, it is hard to see how the parties' associational rights are adversely implicated. See *Rumsfeld v. Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, Inc.*, 547 U.S. 47, 65 (2006) (rejecting law schools' First Amendment objection to military recruiters on campus because no reasonable person would believe the "law schools agree[d] with any speech by recruiters"). After all, individuals frequently claim to favor this or that political party; these preferences, without more, do not create an unconstitutional forced association.

What makes these cases different, as JUSTICE SCALIA explains, is the place where the candidates express their party preferences: on the ballot. See *post*, at 4 (dissenting opinion) (noting "the special role that a state-printed ballot plays in elections"). And what makes the ballot "special" is precisely the effect [\*32] it has on voter impressions. See *Cook v. Gralike*, 531 U.S. 510, 532 (2001) (Rehnquist, C. J., concurring in judgment) ("[T]he ballot . . . is the last thing the voter sees before he makes his choice"); *Anderson v. Martin*, 375 U.S. 399, 402 (1964) ("[D]irecting the citizen's attention to the single consideration of race . . . may decisively influence the citizen to cast his ballot along racial lines").

But because respondents brought this challenge before the State of Washington had printed ballots for use under the new primary regime, we have no idea what those ballots will look like. Petitioners themselves emphasize that the content of the ballots in the pertinent respect is yet to be determined. See Reply Brief for Washington State Grange 2-4, 7-13.

If the ballot is designed in such a manner that no reasonable voter would believe that the candidates listed there are nominees or members of, or otherwise associated with, the parties the candidates claimed to "prefer," the I-872 primary system would likely pass constitutional

muster. I cannot say on the present record that it would be impossible for the State to design such a ballot. Assuming the ballot is so designed, voters would not [\*33] regard the listed candidates as "party" candidates, any more than someone saying "I like Campbell's soup" would be understood to be associated with Campbell's. Voters would understand that the candidate does not speak on the party's behalf or with the party's approval. On the other hand, if the ballot merely lists the candidates' preferred parties next to the candidates' names, or otherwise fails clearly to convey that the parties and the candidates are not necessarily associated, the I-872 system would not survive a First Amendment challenge.

JUSTICE SCALIA complains that "[i]t is hard to know how to respond" to such mistaken views, *post*, at 6 (dissenting opinion), but he soldiers on nonetheless. He would hold that a party is burdened by a candidate's statement of preference even if no reasonable voter believes from the ballot that the party and the candidate are associated. I take his point to be that a particular candidate's "endorsement" of a party might alter the party's message, and this violates the party's freedom of association. See *post*, at 7 (dissenting opinion).

But there is no general right to stop an individual from saying, "I prefer this party," even if the party would [\*34] rather he not. Normally, the party protects its message in such a case through responsive speech of its own. What makes this case different of course is that the State controls the content of the ballot, which we have never considered a public forum. See *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 363 (1997) (ballots are not "forums for political expression"). Neither the candidate nor the party dictates the message conveyed by the ballot. In such a case, it is important to know what the ballot actually says--both about the candidate and about the party's association with the candidate. It is possible that no reasonable voter in Washington State will regard the listed candidates as members of, or otherwise associated with, the political parties the candidates claim to prefer. Nothing in my analysis requires the parties to produce studies regarding voter perceptions on this score, but I would wait to see what the ballot says before deciding whether it is unconstitutional.

Still, I agree with JUSTICE SCALIA that the history of the challenged law suggests the State is not particularly interested in devising ballots that meet these constitutional requirements. See *post*, at 7-8 [\*35] (dissenting opinion). But this record simply does not allow us to say with certainty that the election system created by I-872 is unconstitutional. Accordingly, I agree with the Court that respondents' present challenge to the law must fail, and I join the Court's opinion.

**DISSENT BY: SCALIA**

## DISSENT

JUSTICE SCALIA, with whom JUSTICE KENNEDY joins, dissenting.

The electorate's perception of a political party's beliefs is colored by its perception of those who support the party; and a party's defining act is the selection of a candidate and advocacy of that candidate's election by conferring upon him the party's endorsement. When the state-printed ballot for the general election causes a party to be associated with candidates who may not fully (if at all) represent its views, it undermines both these vital aspects of political association. The views of the self-identified party supporter color perception of the party's message, and that self-identification on the ballot, with no space for party repudiation or party identification of its own candidate, impairs the party's advocacy of its standard bearer. Because Washington has not demonstrated that this severe burden upon parties' associational rights is narrowly [\*36] tailored to serve a compelling interest--indeed, because it seems to me Washington's only plausible interest is precisely to reduce the effectiveness of political parties--I would find the law unconstitutional.

I

I begin with the principles on which the Court and I agree. States may not use election regulations to undercut political parties' freedoms of speech or association. See *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779, 833-834 (1995). Thus, when a State regulates political parties as a part of its election process, we consider "the 'character and magnitude'" of the burden imposed on the party's associational rights and "the extent to which the State's concerns make the burden necessary." *Timmons v. Twin Cities Area New Party*, 520 U.S. 351, 358 (1997). Regulations imposing severe burdens must be narrowly tailored to advance a compelling state interest. *id.*

Among the First Amendment rights that political parties possess is the right to associate with the persons whom they choose and to refrain from associating with persons whom they reject. *Democratic Party of United States v. Wisconsin ex rel. La Follette*, 450 U.S. 107, 122 (1981). Also included is the freedom to choose and promote [\*37] the "standard bearer who best represents the party's ideologies and preferences." *Eu v. San Francisco County Democratic Central Comm.*, 489 U.S. 214, 224 (1989).

When an expressive organization is compelled to associate with a person whose views the group does not accept, the organization's message is undermined; the organization is understood to embrace, or at the very least tolerate, the views of the persons linked with them.

We therefore held, for example, that a State severely burdened the right of expressive association when it required the Boy Scouts to accept an openly gay scoutmaster. The scoutmaster's presence "would, at the very least, force the organization to send a message, both to the youth members and the world, that the Boy Scouts accepts homosexual conduct as a legitimate form of behavior." *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*, 530 U.S. 640, 653 (2000).

A political party's expressive mission is not simply, or even primarily, to persuade voters of the party's views. Parties seek principally to promote the election of candidates who will implement those views. See, e.g., *Tashjian v. Republican Party of Conn.*, 479 U.S. 208, 216 (1986); *Storer v. Brown*, 415 U.S. 724, 745 (1974); [\*38] M. Hershey & P. Beck, *Party Politics in America* 13 (10th ed. 2003). That is achieved in large part by marking candidates with the party's seal of approval. Parties devote substantial resources to making their names trusted symbols of certain approaches to governance. See, e.g., App. 239 (Declaration of Democratic Committee Chair Paul J. Berendt); J. Aldrich, *Why Parties?* 48-49 (1995). They then encourage voters to cast their votes for the candidates that carry the party name. Parties' efforts to support candidates by marking them with the party trademark, so to speak, have been successful enough to make the party name, in the words of one commentator, "the most important resource that the party possesses." Cain, *Party Autonomy and Two-Party Electoral Competition*, 149 U. Pa. L. Rev. 793, 804 (2001). And all evidence suggests party labels are indeed a central consideration for most voters. See, e.g., *id.*, at 804, n. 34; Rahn, *The Role of Partisan Stereotypes in Information Processing About Political Candidates*, 37 *Am. J. Pol. Sci.* 472 (1993); Klein & Baum, *Ballot Information and Voting Decisions in Judicial Elections*, 54 *Pol. Research Q.* 709 (2001).

II

A

The State of Washington need not [\*39] like, and need not favor, political parties. It is entirely free to decline running primaries for the selection of party nominees and to hold nonpartisan general elections in which party labels have no place on the ballot. See *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567, 585-586 (2000). Parties would then be left to their own devices in both selecting and publicizing their candidates. But Washington has done more than merely decline to make its electoral machinery available for party building. Recognizing that parties draw support for their candidates by giving them the party imprimatur, Washington seeks to reduce the effectiveness of that endorsement by allowing any candidate to use the ballot for drawing upon the

goodwill that a party has developed, while preventing the party from using the ballot to reject the claimed association or to identify the genuine candidate of its choice. This does not merely place the ballot off limits for party building; it makes the ballot an instrument by which party building is impeded, permitting un rebutted associations that the party itself does not approve.

These cases cannot be decided without taking account of the special role that a state-printed [\*40] ballot plays in elections. The ballot comes into play "at the most crucial stage in the electoral process--the instant before the vote is cast." *Anderson v. Martin*, 375 U.S. 399, 402 (1964). It is the only document that all voters are guaranteed to see, and it is "the last thing the voter sees before he makes his choice," *Cook v. Gralike*, 531 U.S. 510, 532 (2001) (Rehnquist, C. J., concurring in judgment). Thus, we have held that a State cannot elevate a particular issue to prominence by making it the only issue for which the ballot sets forth the candidates' positions. *Id.*, at 525-526 (opinion of the Court). And we held unconstitutional California's election system, which listed as the party's candidate on the general election ballot the candidate selected in a state-run "blanket primary" in which all citizens could determine who would be the party's nominee. *Jones*, 530 U.S., at 586. It was not enough to sustain the law that the party remained free to select its preferred candidate through another process, and could denounce or campaign against the candidate carrying the party's name on the general election ballot. Forced association with the party on the general election ballot was [\*41] fatal. *Id.*, at 575-577.

The Court makes much of the fact that the party names shown on the Washington ballot may be billed as mere statements of candidate "preference." See *ante*, at 11-14. To be sure, the party is not itself forced to display favor for someone it does not wish to associate with, as the Boy Scouts were arguably forced to do by employing the homosexual scoutmaster in *Dale*, and as the political parties were arguably forced to do by lending their ballot-endorsement as party nominee in *Jones*. But thrusting an unwelcome, self-proclaimed association upon the party on the election ballot itself is amply destructive of the party's associational rights. An individual's endorsement of a party shapes the voter's view of what the party stands for, no less than the party's endorsement of an individual shapes the voter's view of what the individual stands for. That is why party nominees are often asked (and regularly agree) to repudiate the support of persons regarded as racial extremists. On Washington's ballot, such repudiation is impossible. And because the ballot is the only document voters are guaranteed to see, and the last thing they see before casting their vote, there is "no [\*42] means of replying" that "would be equally effec-

tive with the voter." *Cook, supra*, at 532 (Rehnquist, C. J., concurring in judgment).

Not only is the party's message distorted, but its goodwill is hijacked. There can be no dispute that candidate acquisition of party labels on Washington's ballot--even if billed as self-identification--is a means of garnering the support of those who trust and agree with the party. The "I prefer the D's" and "I prefer the R's" will not be on the ballot for esthetic reasons; they are designed to link candidates to unwilling parties (or at least parties who are unable to express their revulsion) and to encourage voters to cast their ballots based in part on the trust they place in the party's name and the party's philosophy. These harms will be present no matter how Washington's law is implemented. There is therefore "no set of circumstances" under which Washington's law would not severely burden political parties, see *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739, 745 (1987), and no good reason to wait until Washington has undermined its political parties to declare that it is forbidden to do so.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE would wait to see if the law is implemented in [\*43] a manner that no more harms political parties than allowing a person to state that he "like[s] Campbell's soup" would harm the Campbell Soup Company. See *ante*, at 3 (concurring opinion). It is hard to know how to respond. First and most fundamentally, there is simply no comparison between statements of "preference" for an expressive association and statements of "preference" for soup. The robust First Amendment freedom to associate belongs only to groups "engage[d] in 'expressive association,'" *Dale*, 530 U.S., at 648. The Campbell Soup Company does not exist to promote a message, and "there is only minimal constitutional protection of the freedom of *commercial* association," *Roberts v. United States Jaycees*, 468 U.S. 609, 634 (1984) (O'Connor, J., concurring in part and concurring in judgment).

Second, I assuredly do not share THE CHIEF JUSTICE's view that the First Amendment will be satisfied so long as the ballot "is designed in such a manner that no reasonable voter would believe that the candidates listed there are nominees or members of, or otherwise associated with, the parties the candidates claimed to 'prefer.'" *Ante*, at 3. To begin with, it seems to me quite impossible for [\*44] the ballot to satisfy a reasonable voter that the candidate is not "associated with" the party for which he has expressed a preference. He has associated *himself* with the party by his very expression of a preference--and that indeed is the whole purpose of allowing the preference to be expressed. If all THE CHIEF JUSTICE means by "associated with" is that the candidate "does not speak on the party's behalf or with the

party's approval," *ibid.*, none of my analysis in this opinion relies upon that misperception, nor upon the misperception that the candidate is a member or the nominee of the party. Avoiding those misperceptions is far from enough. Is it enough to say on the ballot that a notorious and despised racist who says that the party is his choice does not speak with the party's approval? Surely not. His unrebutted association of that party with his views distorts the image of the party nonetheless. And the fact that the candidate who expresses a "preference" for one or another party is shown not to be the nominee of that party does not deprive him of the boost from the party's reputation which the party wishes to confer only on its nominee. THE CHIEF JUSTICE claims that "the content [\*45] of the ballots in the pertinent respect is yet to be determined," *ibid.* I disagree. We know all we need to know about the form of ballot. When pressed, Washington's Attorney General assured us at oral argument that the ballot will *not* say whether the party for whom the candidate expresses a preference claims or disavows him. (Of course it will not, for that would enable the party expression that it is the very object of this legislation to impair.)

And finally, while THE CHIEF JUSTICE earlier expresses his awareness that the special character of the ballot is what makes these cases different, *ante*, at 2, his Campbell's Soup example seems to forget that. If we must speak in terms of soup, Washington's law is like a law that encourages Oscar the Grouch (Sesame Street's famed bad-taste resident of a garbage can) to state a "preference" for Campbell's at every point of sale, while barring the soup company from disavowing his endorsement, or indeed using its name at all, in those same crucial locations. Reserving the most critical communications forum for statements of "preference" by a potentially distasteful speaker alters public perceptions of the entity that is "preferred"; and when [\*46] this privileged connection undermines not a company's ability to identify and promote soup but an expressive association's ability to identify and promote its message and its standard bearer, the State treads on the constitutionally protected freedom of association.

The majority opinion and THE CHIEF JUSTICE's concurrence also endorse a wait-and-see approach on the grounds that it is not yet evident how the law will affect voter perception of the political parties. But contrary to the Court's suggestion, it is not incumbent on the political parties to adduce "evidence," *ante*, at 15, that forced association affects their ability to advocate for their candidates and their causes. We have never put expressive groups to this perhaps-impossible task. Rather, we accept their own assessments of the matter. The very cases on which THE CHIEF JUSTICE relies for a wait-and-see approach, *ante*, at 1-2, establish as much. In *Dale*, for

example, we did not require the Boy Scouts to prove that forced acceptance of the openly homosexual scoutmaster would distort their message. See 530 U.S., at 653 (citing *La Follette*, 450 U.S., at 123-124). Nor in *Hurley v. Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, Inc.*, 515 U.S. 557 (1995), [\*47] did we require the organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to demonstrate that including a gay contingent in the parade would distort their message. See *id.*, at 577. Nor in *Jones*, 530 U.S. 567, did we require the political parties to demonstrate either that voters would incorrectly perceive the "nominee" labels on the ballot to be the products of party elections or that the labels would change voter perceptions of the party. It does not take a study to establish that when statements of party connection are the sole information listed next to candidate names on the ballot, those statements will affect voters' perceptions of what the candidate stands for, what the party stands for, and whom they should elect.

### III

Since I conclude that Washington's law imposes a severe burden on political parties' associational rights, I would uphold the law only if it were "narrowly tailored" to advance "a compelling state interest." *Timmons*, 520 U.S., at 358. Neither the Court's opinion nor the State's submission claims that Washington's law passes such scrutiny. The State argues only that it "has a rational basis" for "providing voters with a modicum of relevant information about the candidates," [\*48] Brief for Petitioners in No. 06-730, pp. 48-49. This is the only interest the Court's opinion identifies as well. *Ante*, at 15.

But "rational basis" is the *least* demanding of our tests; it is the same test that allows individuals to be taxed at different rates because they are in different businesses. See *Allied Stores of Ohio, Inc. v. Bowers*, 358 U.S. 522, 526-527 (1959). It falls far, far short of establishing the compelling state interest that the First Amendment requires. And to tell the truth, here even the existence of a rational basis is questionable. Allowing candidates to identify themselves with particular parties on the ballot displays the State's view that adherence to party philosophy is "an important--perhaps paramount--consideration in the citizen's choice." *Anderson*, 375 U.S., at 402. If that is so, however, it seems to me irrational not to allow the party to disclaim that self-association, or to identify its own endorsed candidate.

It is no mystery what is going on here. There is no state interest behind this law except the Washington Legislature's dislike for bright-colors partisanship, and its desire to blunt the ability of political parties with noncentrist views to [\*49] endorse and advocate their own candidates. That was the purpose of the Washington system that this enactment was adopted to replace--a system

indistinguishable from the one we invalidated in *Jones*, which required parties to allow nonmembers to join in the selection of the candidates shown as their nominees on the election ballot. (The system was held unconstitutional in *Democratic Party of Washington State v. Reed*, 343 F.3d 1198 (CA9 2003).) And it is the obvious purpose of Washington legislation enacted after this law, which requires political parties to repeat a candidate's self-declared party "preference" in electioneering communications concerning the candidate--even if the purpose of the communication is to criticize the candidate and to disavow any connection between him and the party. Wash. Rev. Code § 42.17.510(1) (2006); see also Wash. Admin. Code § 390-18-020 (2007).

Even if I were to assume, however, that Washington has a legitimate interest in telling voters on the ballot (above all other things) that a candidate *says* he favors a particular political party; and even if I were further to assume (*per impossibile*) that that interest was a compelling one; Washington would still [\*50] have to "narrowly tailor" its law to protect that interest with minimal intrusion upon the parties' associational rights. There has been no attempt to do that here. Washington could, for

example, have permitted parties to disclaim on the general-election ballot the asserted association or to designate on the ballot their true nominees. The course the State has chosen makes sense only as an effort to use its monopoly power over the ballot to undermine the expressive activities of the political parties.

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The right to associate for the election of candidates is fundamental to the operation of our political system, and state action impairing that association bears a heavy burden of justification. Washington's electoral system permits individuals to appropriate the parties' trademarks, so to speak, at the most crucial stage of election, thereby distorting the parties' messages and impairing their endorsement of candidates. The State's justification for this (to convey a "modicum of relevant information") is not only weak but undeserving of credence. We have here a system which, like the one it replaced, does not merely refuse to assist, but positively impairs, the legitimate role of [\*51] political parties. I dissent from the Court's conclusion that the Constitution permits this sabotage.

## Top 2 Primary: FAQs for Candidates

### What is a Top 2 Primary?

The Washington Top 2 Primary allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each office. Voters do not have to declare a party affiliation to vote in the primary.

Candidates for partisan office may state a preference for a political party, which is listed on the ballot. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary Election qualify for the General Election. Candidates must also receive at least 1% of the votes cast in that race to advance to the General Election.

### What does the candidate's "party preference" mean in a Top 2 Primary?

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

### How did the Top 2 Primary become law?

The Top 2 Primary was passed by the people in 2004 as an initiative. I-872 passed by almost 60%. This system was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2008 and used for the first time in the 2008 primary. It has been in effect for all partisan elections since 2008.

### Could a race in the General Election include two candidates who prefer the same party?

Yes. The candidates in each race who advance to the General Election will be the two who receive the most votes in the Primary. It is possible that both candidates who advance to the General Election prefer the same party.

### Can a voter still write in a candidate?

Yes. Each race on the ballot will still have a write in line for a voter to write in the name of a candidate.

### What offices are affected?

The Top 2 Primary applies to elections for partisan office. This includes the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the State Legislature, partisan statewide offices such as Governor, and partisan county offices such as County Commissioner or County Treasurer.

The Top 2 Primary does not apply to elections for:

- President and Vice President;
- Nonpartisan offices, such as judicial office, municipal office, or a district such as fire district or school board. Nonpartisan offices have a similar primary system that winnows the number of candidates to two. Those candidates advance to the general election.
- Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs);

### Can the political parties prevent a candidate from expressing a preference for their party?

No. Candidates are permitted to express a preference for any political party. The candidate is only representing himself or herself, not a political party, when he or she appears on the ballot.

### Can political parties still nominate candidates?

Yes. State law no longer dictates how political parties conduct their nominations. Now, the state and local parties decide how to conduct their nominations. The rules for party-run nominations vary party to party, and even between the state and local parties. Political parties can nominate multiple candidates for the same race. The Supreme Court stated:

"Whether parties nominate their own candidates outside the state-run primary is simply irrelevant. In fact, parties may now nominate candidates by whatever mechanism they choose because I-872 repealed Washington's prior regulations governing party nominations."

### Can the political parties demand that their nominees be distinguished on the ballot?

No. The law does not allow nominations or endorsements by interest groups, political action committees, political parties, labor unions, editorial boards, or other private organizations to be printed on the ballot.

The Supreme Court ruled the political parties do not have a constitutional right to have their nominees distinguished on the ballot.<

Candidates can promote themselves in voters' pamphlets, advertisements, and other forums as the nominees of a political party.

**Once candidate filing week is over, can a major party fill vacancies on the major party ticket?**

No. This process was specifically repealed in I-872 because there is no major party ticket in a Top 2 Primary. All candidates are treated the same.

A race will only be reopened for a special filing period if there is a void in candidacy meaning no candidate filed during the regular filing period.

**In races where only one or two candidates filed, will that race skip the Primary and only appear on the General Election ballot?**

No. Even in races where only one or two candidates filed for a partisan office, that race will still appear in the Primary Election.

**If a candidate for partisan office who was one of the top two vote-getters in the Primary dies or is disqualified before the General Election, will the party be allowed to name a replacement?**

No. In a Top 2 Primary, a candidate's party preference is purely for informational purposes and does not play any role in the administration of the election. Because the candidates are not representatives or nominees of a political party, a party is not allowed to name a replacement candidate. The laws that previously allowed the political parties to replace deceased or disqualified candidates was repealed in I-872.

**How do candidates place information in the State Voters' Pamphlet?**

Candidates for the following offices may place biographical information, a campaign statement, and a photograph in the State Voters' Pamphlet.

- President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Auditor
- Attorney General
- Commissioner of Public Lands
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Insurance Commissioner
- State Supreme Court Justice
- Court of Appeals Judge
- Superior Court Judge
- State Senator
- State Representatives

Candidates must submit their material by May 25, 2012. All statements and photographs submitted will be reviewed by the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State to ensure that the information meets Voters' Pamphlet requirements.

**How do county candidates get information into local Voters' Pamphlets?**

Contact your local County Elections Office (<http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx>) to inquire about getting your information into a local online or printed Voters' Pamphlet.

**Where can I find more information about the Top 2 Primary?**

The Secretary of State's Office posts information about Initiative 872, the administrative rules to implement Initiative 872, and the court documents in the legal challenge on its website at: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/toptwo.aspx> (<http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/toptwo.aspx>).

## HB 200 Top Two Primary Opposing Documents

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Dear Representative LeDoux

I just heard your support of the bill you submitted about having open primaries. **If** so many are saying they want this, they must be Democrats. I can't imagine why any Republican would want anyone – Democrats, Independents or Undeclared - to pick who will run as Republican candidates. This is a crazy idea. It very much NEEDS to remain separate so that Democrats select who they want to run for them and the Republicans should pick who will run to represent them. This just can't be left up to any voted to make these selection. This was changed years ago and needs to stay the way it is now.

Lois Conway

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On Mar 31, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Robert Timmins <[highflytim@gmail.com](mailto:highflytim@gmail.com)> wrote:

This effort is UN Alaskan and UN American! Stop this nonsense already!

### **HB 175 — KILLING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE — PASSES WITH DEMS IN CHARGE**

HB 200 goes hand in hand with another piece of liberal legislation, HB 175, which would eliminate the Electoral College process in Alaska and award all three Electoral College votes to the candidate who won the most votes in the United States as a whole.

That bill is sponsored by Democrats Rep. Zach Fansler, Les Gara, Justin Parish, Harriet Drummond, Scott Kawasaki, and Geran Tarr. It creates an interstate compact and if enough states joined the compact, the presidential election would essentially become a popular vote.

In the most recent presidential election, all three of Alaska's Electoral College votes would have been awarded to Hillary Clinton.

As HB 175 was voted on in the House State Affairs committee this week, Rep. LeDoux took a pass, and wouldn't vote the bill up or down. It passed with the majority Democrats voting for it and only Republicans DeLena Johnson, Gary Knopp and Chris Birch voting no. Democrat Adam Wool also took a pass.

Between HB 175 and HB 200, House Democrats (and the "Republicans" who joined them) are attempting to make over the election process in Alaska — a process that is not broken.

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Hon. Gabrielle Ledoux  
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Dear Representative Ledoux,

Re: your HB 200

I have been working for ballot access reform since I was in college in U.C. Berkeley in the mid-1960's. Whereas Canada has equal and easy ballot access for all candidates for Canada's national legislative body (100 signatures and a \$1,000 filing fee), many states in the U.S. have ballot access laws that keep minor party and independent candidates off the ballot. Georgia is so bad, no minor party or independent candidate for U.S. House **has** ever complied with the 5% petition (of the number of registered voters) that **has** been in effect since 1943.

I favor proportional representation, and I note that whenever one sees a list of the 10 best countries in the world, based on some objective statistical criteria, invariably at least 9 of them are countries that use proportional representation.

The top-two system that exists now in California and Washington **has** many bad consequences, but the worst one, for me, is that it keeps minor party candidates from being allowed to run in the general election season. There **has** never been a top-two election for federal or state office in which any minor party was able to qualify for the general election ballot, except instances when only one major party candidate filed for that office. That was true during the years Louisiana **had** a top-two system as well. After Louisiana lost in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1997 in *Foster v Love*, Louisiana changed its system so that now there are no primaries, just general elections in November (for Congress) and a run-off in December if no one gets 50% in November. That way, no one is kept from campaigning in the general election, so I don't object to Louisiana's system.

I hope that you revise your HB 200 so that it does not implement the California-Washington system. Political science research generally agrees that the system used in California and Washington does not decrease polarization, does not elect more moderate office-holders, and depresses turnout.

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I would love to document any of these matters, but I didn't want to stuff this envelope with too much paper. Let me know if I should send documentation.

Sincerely yours,

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Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
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Dear Representative LeDoux,

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you this afternoon about HB 200. I have enclosed various articles about the jungle primary.

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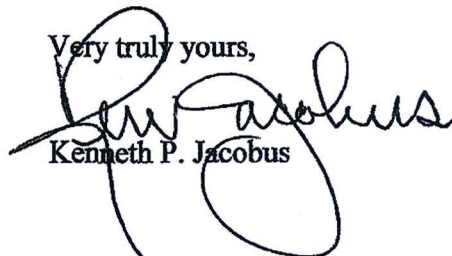
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On June 21, 2014, the Los Angeles Times published an Op-Ed that favored scrapping the California jungle primary. This is one of the items that I have enclosed.

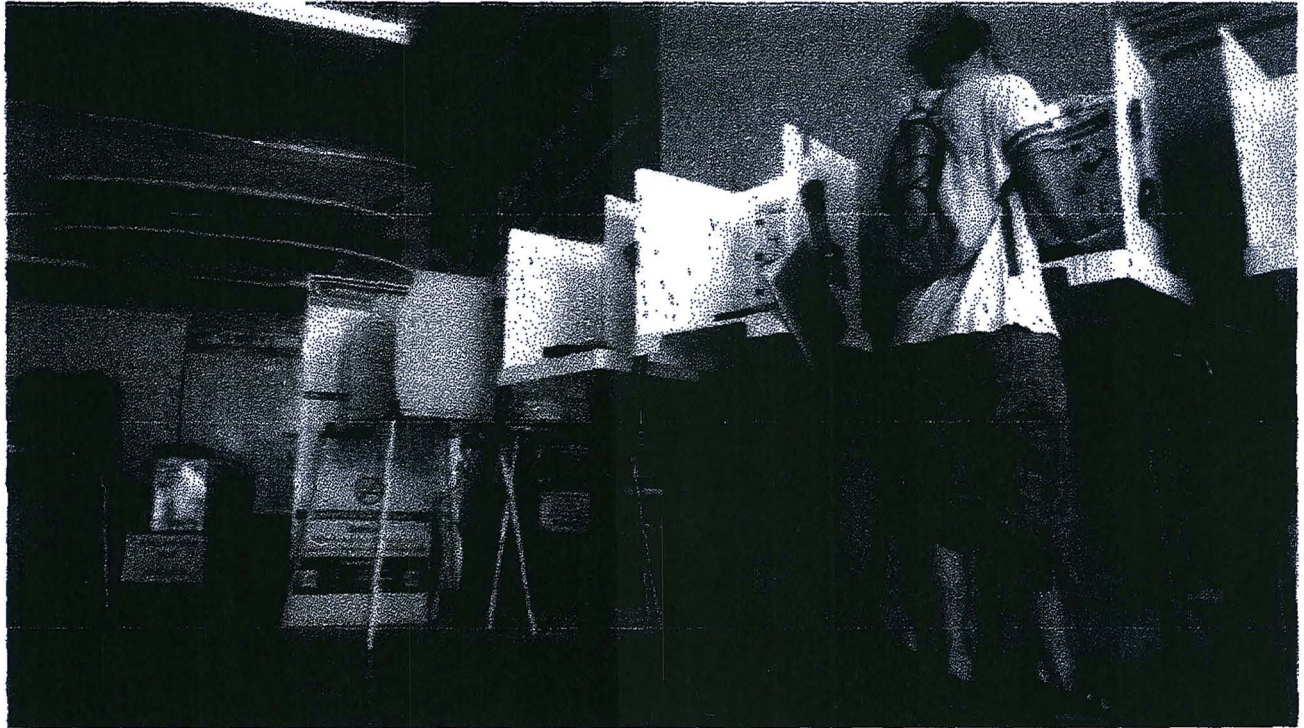
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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# Op-Ed California's jungle primary: Tried it. Dump it.



A voter is seen on June 3 filing out her ballot for the California primary election. (Los Angeles Times)

By Harold Meyerson

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So, California, how's that new primary system working out for you?

JUNE 21, 2014. 5:00 A.M.

**T**hough county registrars are still tallying the votes in several close contests, the memory of California's June primary has already begun to fade from the state's collective consciousness - assuming, that is, that it ever made an imprint there at all. Before it vanishes altogether, though, Californians should take away one lesson from June's balloting: The state's new method for conducting primary elections is an asinine idea that can lead to perverse and anti-majoritarian consequences.

Under the so-called jungle primary system, which came into being through a 2010 ballot measure that voters narrowly ratified, primary voters can cast their ballot for any candidate in the June election, and the top two finishers, regardless of party, advance to the November runoff. Both the 2012 and the 2014 primaries were conducted under these rules, so we can now look at the effects this new process has had on California politics.

The first and most obvious effect the jungle system has had is to convey a clear advantage to the party that runs fewer candidates for an office. In 2012, four Democrats and two Republicans ran in the June primary to represent the newly redrawn 31st District in Congress. Situated in the western part of the Inland Empire, the district had a clear plurality of Democrats - but because the Republican candidates divided their votes two ways while the Democrats split their votes among four candidates, the two candidates who made it into November's general election were the Republicans.

The eventual victor, Gary Miller, chose not to seek reelection this year, in part because his politics were so out of sync with the sentiments of district voters.

This month, the California primary contest for a statewide office almost ended equally bizarrely. Three Democrats and two Republicans ran for the office of state controller, and when the election-night vote counting was done, the Republicans finished one-two in the count. Subsequent counting of absentee and provisional ballots has elevated two of the three Democrats above the second Republican; the vote totals for second place remain very close and still aren't resolved.



## **The most obvious effect the jungle system has had is to convey a clear advantage to the party that runs fewer candidates for an office.**

But if a few thousand votes had shifted, voters in one of the country's most liberal states could have faced a runoff this November between two Republicans, even though the three Democrats on the primary ballot amassed more votes than the two GOP contestants, and even though just 28% of California voters are Republicans while 43% are Democrats.

Precisely because California is so heavily Democratic, it's often the case that more Democrats than Republicans will run for open seats. For that very reason, though, the process tends to give the advantage to Republicans, though the party's relentlessly falling registration figures make clear that most Californians wish to steer clear of the party and its standard-bearers.

When the jungle primary was placed before state voters in 2010, its advocates argued that it would increase voter participation by opening up previously closed primary elections to nonpartisan voters. Though volumes of election statistics show that nonpartisan voters tend to be less engaged in politics than party members, the jungle system's champions insisted that given the chance to vote in primary elections, the nonpartisans would flock to the polls and overall participation would rise.

It hasn't worked out that way. When the vote count in this June's primary is completed, turnout will probably be about 25%, which would make it the lowest ever. A multitude of factors have contributed to the ongoing decline in voter participation, but it's clear that the jungle primary has done nothing substantial, if, indeed, anything at all, to arrest it.

The jungle system was also supposed to reduce political polarization, according to the business interests and others who championed it. The idea was to diminish the influence of tea party Republicans within the GOP and of pro-labor liberals in Democratic ranks.

To date, few if any tea party Republicans have been dislodged. A number of self-professed moderate Democrats do hold seats in the Legislature, but that's been the case since roughly 2002, when the state's leading energy and banking interests realized the days of Republican rule were over and began to back candidates in Democratic primaries. Recently, some of these moderates abstained on a bill that would raise the state's minimum wage – a dubious achievement for legislators who disproportionately represent the state's poorest districts.

That's the book on the jungle primary. It's time for state voters to scrap it.

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# How top-two primary system has changed California politics

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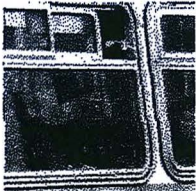
Conservative icon Rep. Tom McClintock confronts a strong challenge from fellow Republican Art Moore, a West Point graduate who spent more than a decade in the military.


California's political campaigns are already combative and expensive, but the top-two primary system, in effect this year for the first time in statewide races, has upped the ante by forcing new strategies in fundraising, polling and even the timing of attack ads.


And it may be the political consultants, not the voters, who benefit most, some experts say.

The new system, in which the top two finishers in the June 3 primary races advance to the November general election regardless of party, "is exponentially more complicated than a traditional primary system," said Democratic pollster Ben Tulchin.

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Tulchin, whose clients have included the state Democratic Party and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, said the system has created a host of complications, and a lot of business, for consultants advising once-safe candidates who now have to contend with expensive primary challenges from candidates on all sides of the spectrum.

Many candidates must calculate how to run back-to-back elections against the same challenger - weighing the merits of expending effort and money before the June primary versus keeping the powder dry for November.

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## It's all different

"Everything is so much more expensive," said Ruben Barrales, president and CEO of Grow Elect, which works to elect Republican Latinos. "We're doing polling earlier than ever, and every race is different (than it used to be) - even in the same district."

When top-two primaries were first put into effect in congressional races in 2012, there were several instances in which a Democrat wound up being pitted against a Democrat in the general election, with no Republican on the ballot, and vice versa. In one heavily Democratic district in Southern California, a host of Democratic candidates split their party's vote in the primary, leaving two GOP candidates to face each other in the runoff.

This is the first year in which top two is in play in races for state constitutional offices, including governor.

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Julie Griffiths, a Republican strategist, said the new system is "causing business interests to weigh in more often and more generously" on behalf of Democrats who are "business friendly" in races where Republicans are unlikely to make a credible challenge.

Under top two, she said, "the money movement has changed - and it has increased dramatically."

Hair pulling aside, the new system has at least partly fulfilled advocates' hopes by creating more competitive primaries, said Steve Spinner, a Democratic fundraiser.

## 'Poster child' race

Spinner is campaign chairman for Ro Khanna, a Democrat who is mounting a strong challenge in the South Bay to seven-term Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose. He calls the race a "poster child" for why the new system works.

Under the old system in the heavily Democratic district, a second-place finish in the primary for Khanna would have been the end of the line. Under top two, however, Khanna can finish second and live to fight in November, competing with Honda for Republicans' votes.

"Every time someone retires or an incumbent is perceived as having a weak record, you'll see more pragmatic and visionary candidates enter, and less pandering to the far left and far right," Spinner said. "Now we can have races in our own backyards, in California, that are run like battleground states in a presidential election - with voters fully engaged in the process, supporters canvassing and candidates debating on the issues."

Voters put the top-two system in place when they approved Proposition 13 in 2010. Its author, former state Sen. and Lt. Gov. Abel Maldonado, argued that the old primary system produced candidates acceptable mainly to party activists who demanded ideological purity.

But experts who convened recently for a symposium on the new system at the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies were mixed on its effects.

Douglas Ahler, a scholar at the institute, said his studies show "little evidence that the top-two format benefits moderate candidates." Partisan voters, he said, are still most likely to vote in primaries.

## Left, right still dominate

Tulchin agreed that even under the new system, California's 2014 primary "still favors the more progressive candidates on the Democratic side, and the more conservative candidates on the Republican side."

Polls in the gubernatorial campaign seem to bear that out: Gov. Jerry Brown is well out in front, and the No. 2 candidate is Assemblyman Tim Dormer (San Diego County) - a Tea Party favorite who is trouncing a more moderate Republican, Neel Kashkari.

But Democratic strategist Katie Merrill said the new system has reshaped some races, including the hotly contested Southern California contest to replace retiring Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles.

Democrats in the 21-candidate field, rather than simply worrying about one another, now have to contend with a high-profile independent: author and New Age spiritual guru Marianne Williamson, whose name recognition and loyal following in a district that includes Malibu and Beverly Hills could catapult her into the general election.

## Unique political landscape

David Brady, a political science professor and deputy director of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, said the full effects of California's new system aren't yet fully felt in what is already a unique national political landscape.

"The United States is the only country that has democracy within the parties - before you can run against the other party," Brady said. "That is unique, but it has consequences. It weakens parties."

Which is why party loyalists who fought the top-two system from the start, and third-party candidates - who are more likely to be shut out of the general election entirely under the system - are still railing against it.

"Can you imagine a Kentucky Derby with two horses?" asked Bob Mulholland, a Democratic Party campaign adviser. "This is the way the communists run it."

## Shifts in campaign strategy

Three California races where the top-two primary system is making a difference:

### Silicon Valley

Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, a favorite of labor, is battling Democratic challenger Ro Khanna, a former Obama administration trade representative - with the backing of many tech-industry executives. Also vying for a top-two slot are two Republicans: Silicon Valley executive recruiter Joel Vanlandingham and Stanford physician Vanita Singh.

Bottom line: The 17th Congressional District, where Democrats outnumber Republicans 2 to 1, is also home to the largest bloc of "no party preference" voters in California: nearly 32 percent. That makes Honda's re-election, almost a given under the old primary system, a far greater challenge he ends up in the November runoff with Khanna.

### Sierra foothills

Conservative icon Rep. Tom McClintock confronts a strong challenge from fellow Republican Art Moore, a West Point graduate who spent more than a decade in the military.

Bottom line: McClintock, who would have been invincible under the old primary system in the overwhelmingly Republican Fourth Congressional District, could have problems in a November runoff with Democrats and independents able to chisel behind him and Moore.

### Southern California

The retirement of Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman in the wealthy region that includes Beverly Hills and Malibu prompted 21 candidates to run to replace him - 11 Democrats, four Republicans, one Green Party member, one Libertarian and four "no party preference" candidates.

**Bottom line:** The huge field in the 33rd Congressional District, especially in the Democratic ranks, could enable a dark horse such as New Age guru Marianne Williamson, an independent with big name recognition, to sneak into the November runoff.

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# 'Jungle primary' pits GOP lawmakers against each other

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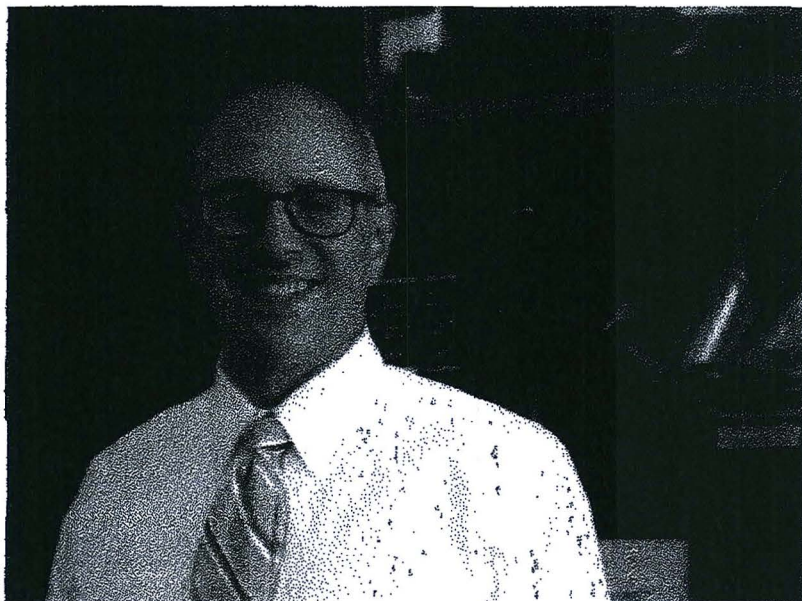
WASHINGTON - An unusual drama is playing out in Louisiana this election year, as two Republican House members jockey for the state's open Senate seat.

Reps. Charles Boustany and John Fleming are running for the seat held by Republican Sen. David Vitter, who decided not to run for re-election after losing his bid for governor last year to Democrat John Bel Edwards.

"You see it occasionally, but not that often," said Jeffrey Sadow, a political scientist at Louisiana State University at Shreveport. "Certainly, you're probably more likely to see it here because of our blanket-primary system than in a closed- or open-primary system."

Louisiana's "jungle primary" throws all candidates, regardless of party, into the Nov. 8 election. If no candidate wins more than 50 percent, the top two vote-getters face off in a December runoff.

That invites a scenario like the one unfolding this year with Boustany and Fleming, "by changing the calculation of who can get elected," said Pearson Cross, a political scientist at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



Republican Rep. Charles Boustany (Photo: Deborah Barfield Berry, USA TODAY)

Louisiana rarely hosts open-seat elections, which may explain why this one has attracted 24 candidates, including several other high-profile Republicans.

When an open seat does become available, "you have to be able to move on it, regardless of who else is in there," Sadow said. "This is your chance, so I think that probably encourages them a little bit more."

In 2004, Vitter, then a Republican House member, and Democratic Rep. Chris John ran for the seat held by Democratic Sen. John Breaux, who was retiring. Vitter won the jungle primary with 51 percent of the vote, avoiding a runoff.

Congressional redistricting is more typically a reason House members from the same party find themselves competing for the same seat. That's happened in 2012, when Boustany defeated then-Republican Rep. Jeff Landry in the redrawn 3rd District.

Louisiana's unusual primary system can also lead to more acrimony among candidates, "because there's not this winnowing out process," Sadow said.

Sabato's Crystal Ball, an election forecasting site run by Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, rates the seat "likely Republican."

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Kyle Kondk, managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball election forecasting site, said Boustany and Fleming are counting on at least finishing second on Nov. 8.

"The potential chaos of getting a Senate seat sort of outweighs the risk of giving up your own House seat to run," he said.

Their rivalry on the campaign trail hasn't stopped Boustany and Fleming from working together on issues that are key to their districts and the state as a whole. The two teamed with the rest of the Louisiana delegation, for example, in lobbying Congress to include flood aid in a recent spending bill.

But they also differ on some issues, said Matt Beynon, communications director for the Fleming campaign.

Fleming, who opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, recently slammed Boustany for initially supporting the deal, which would open Pacific Rim markets. Boustany, who was co-chairman of the Friends of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Caucus, told *The Advocate* he had issues with President Obama's final version of the trade pact.

"This is an issues-based campaign, this is not a personal based campaign," Beynon said. "Good people can disagree on issues. That keeps you from having hard feelings once the campaign is over."

States with closed primaries, in which Democrats and Republicans hold separate nomination contests, sometimes see House members from the same party competing. That's what happened in Georgia in 2014, when GOP Reps. Jack Kingston, Paul Broun and Phil Gingrey ran for the Senate seat being vacated by Republican Saxby Chambliss. David Perdue, another Republican, eventually won the seat.

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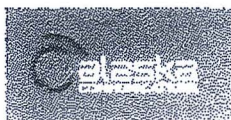
In this year's Democratic primary in Maryland, Rep. Chris Van Holford defeated Rep. Donna Edwards.

Sadow said states that hold separate Democratic and Republican primaries, using primary candidates usually rally around the winner.

There's usually a consensus that forms around one particular candidate," he said. "You don't have that dynamic working here. Since there's no party primary, it's a free-for-all."

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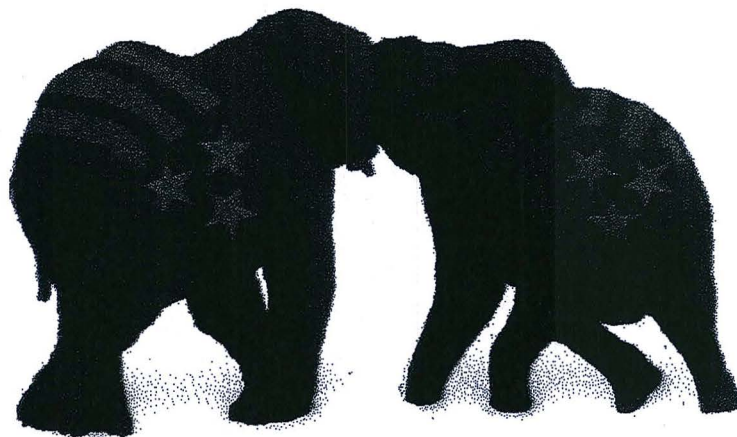
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## Law of the jungle: Louisiana prepares for a "jungle primary"

The U.S. Senate race draws a record crowd of 24 candidates. Anything can happen in the Nov. 8 primary

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The election to succeed U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-Metairie, has attracted a record-setting 24 candidates for the Nov. 8 primary- nine Republicans, seven Democrats, six no-party or Independent candidates and two Libertarians. The five or six best-financed candidates are bunched together atop the latest independent polls and have garnered the lion's share of voters' attention.

The exceptionally large field has forced major candidates to focus on shoring up their geopolitical bases rather than chasing crossover votes. It also has fostered intraparty attacks - particularly among the Republicans - as candidates fight for votes among the same segments of Louisiana's conservative electorate.

The leading GOP candidates include U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany of Lafayette, U.S. Rep. John Fleming of Minden, state Treasurer John Kennedy and retired Air Force Col. Rob Maness, both of Madisonville. Also garnering lots of national attention - but not nearly as much local support - is former Ku Klux Klan leader and neo-Nazi David Duke.

Two Democrats lead their party's field - Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell of Bossier City and attorney Caroline Fayard of New Orleans.

Also trying to make his presence felt as an independent is former state Sen. Troy Hebert of Jeanerette. He has filed two lawsuits so far over how his candidacy has been treated. One was filed - and later withdrawn - against a pollster who

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Subject: Oppose HB 200 Written testimony

House Judiciary Committee

I oppose HB 200 because it calls for the two candidates who receive the highest number and the second highest number of votes in the Primary Election to be the only candidates for that particular office to run in the General Election. That could limit the voter's choice to candidates with the same ideology in the General Election. I dislike making a choice of which ballot I want at the Primary Election because I may want to vote for a candidate from one party for one office and a candidate from the opposing party for different office. However, this bill would be worse than the present Primary process. Partisanship in the candidates would be less transparent that it is today.

Please oppose HB 200.

Respectfully,  
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Oppose Alaska HB 200 for a Jungle Primary

Respectfully request that you oppose the plan for a jungle primary set out by Representative Ledoux in Alaska HB 200.

Turnout in primary elections tends to be smaller than in general elections; moreover, depending on the demographics of given electoral area, one party may have more voters and fewer candidates in the primary. Consequently, the voters would have only one school of public policy from which to choose in the general election.

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Representative LeDoux,

It has come to my attention that you are working on legislation that would change our system of primary voting. I strongly encourage your efforts. As you know, a majority of Alaskans are non-partisan or undeclared voters who do not receive the organizational and lobbying benefits of a political party and are not well served by partitioned primary elections.

I like the idea of open primaries. I think we can go a step further.

I've been looking into various voting methods and I think there's a case to be made for [scored voting](#) in an open primary coupled with a top-two general election.

**Primary Election:** Each primary candidate is scored by voters and the top two move on to the general election.

**General Election:** Head-to-head. This ballot would have two candidates and a write-in space. Each voter can choose one candidate.

Under this system a general election will more accurately represent the district. A more conservative district might have two Republicans facing off.

I believe this system also eliminates much of the academic criticism of ranked and scored voting (such as [Arrow's impossibility theorem](#)) as well as opening up primaries to party independent candidates.

Here's an example of a primary ballot with scored voting. It's a lot like a Yelp review or an Amazon rating, people will get it. There would be an additional spot for a write-in candidate.

All my best,  
Pat Race  
Juneau, AK

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Sincerely,  
Laurie Cartwright

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Talkeetna, AK 99676  
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Hello,

I am an Anchorage resident, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB200, as a way to neutralize the environment of strong partisanship, and to level the playing field.

Thank you,

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**Penny Gage**

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April 7, 2017

The Honorable Gabrielle LeDoux  
State Capitol Room 216  
Juneau AK, 99801

**SUBJECT: HB 200 (LeDoux): Top-Two Nonpartisan Primary Election - SUPPORT**

Dear Representative Gabrielle LeDoux,

On behalf of the Independent Voter Project (IVP), I am writing in support of House Bill 200.

HB 200 would ensure that taxpayer-funded and publicly-administered elections serve all Alaskan voters. Unlike a traditional partisan primary election system where the purpose is to elect a private nominee, the purpose of a nonpartisan primary is to narrow the field of candidates, regardless of party.

Because traditional partisan primaries, whether open or closed, serve a private purpose, they create an inherent conflict between the private rights of the political parties and the public purpose of our election process. This is why open and closed primaries continue to be the subject of legislative and legal challenges across the country.

Every voter has a fundamental right to participate at all critical stages of the election process without being forced to join a political party. It is this same fundamental right of non-association that the Court recognized in *Democratic Party v Jones*.

A top-two nonpartisan primary is a legally tested and proven way to protect the rights of both parties and individual voters. It has the added benefit of incentivizing legislators and candidates to represent everybody, not just members of their political party.

IVP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to better informing voters about important public policy issues and encouraging nonpartisan voters to participate in the electoral process. IVP authored California's nonpartisan "top-two" primary (Proposition 14) in 2010 and the City of San Diego's successful 2016 top-two initiative, Measure K.

The Independent Voter Project strongly supports HB 200.

Sincerely,

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Attorney for Independent Voter Project

Independent Voter Project  
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Dear Representative LeDoux,

We have a duty to continue to enhance our democracy. To me, this translates to better access to the polls and more candidates seeking to run for office.

Simply put, the current system of partisan primaries do nothing to advance the quality of our democracy. To the contrary, they inhibit the participation of candidates while also reducing voter turnout.

Partisan primaries are designed to advance the interests of political parties. The polarization this creates does not reflect the views of most of the electorate. In fact, it is the main reason our politics have devolved into gridlock, an “us vs. them” mentality that is destroying our democracy, state and country. As a result, voters become alienated and participation decreases, allowing for more polarization, gridlock and a perpetuating feedback cycle that spirals democracy downwards.

Independent voters represent an ever-increasing portion of the electorate. In Alaska, more than 50% of the electorate is not aligned with a party, yet our primaries are partisan and closed. This non-affiliation trend will accelerate as younger citizens register. In fact, less than half of all millennials choose to affiliate with a party.

We must institute a system that rewards dialogue, coalition-building and problem solving, one that encourages more people to participate both as candidates and as voters. We deserve a democracy that rewards candidates who appeal to the mainstream rather than the fringes.

There is objective proof that open primaries can solve these problems. I support HB200, applaud the leadership of Rep. LeDoux for introducing it and encourage the state legislature to pass it into law.

Thank you,

Matt Rafferty

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I support HB200.

Alaska does not have a financial problem, nor does it have an oil price problem. Alaska does not even have an oil rate problem. What Alaska has is a governance problem, and this governance problem has allowed all these other concerns to become crisis.

This governance problem is a result of partisan politics which have not only caused legislative gridlock for the past two sessions, but have disallowed the legislature from addressing the greatest threat to Alaska's future, an economy that is nearly entirely reliant on oil, a cyclic and declining resource.

Currently, the major parties have separate party primaries. The candidates that advance in these primaries are encouraged to drive a hard-partisan line as that is the voter base that will place them in the general election. It is clear however, that these candidates do not represent most Alaskans as less than half of the registered voters are affiliated with a party. Consistently falling primary and general election voter turnout, 15% and 50% in the 2016 election respectively, is not the sign of a healthy democracy, and is leading to more and more partisanship in our elected government. This partisanship is clearly taking its toll on the effectiveness of Juneau to make the tough decisions that will set Alaska up for success.

HB200 looks to address this governance problem by disrupting the primary election structure and opening the primaries up to all registered voters in a top two primary. This will force anyone who wishes to advance through the primary election to appeal to the majority of voters, removing the large partisanship divides we currently see in the legislature.

Justin Hickel  
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Representative LeDoux,

Thank you for sponsoring this bill promoting open primaries. The following is a letter I have written in support of HB 200 and open primaries in general:

I am writing this letter in support of HB 200: Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections. National politics are becoming increasingly divisive; and despite record low approval ratings for congress, the majority of the members of the House and Senate will keep their jobs. As voters we are often faced with two diametrically opposed options, and must choose between the lesser of two evils; which can be particularly vexing to voters in the middle who believe that both parties have something to offer. This is in large part due to a primary system that ensures that the most extreme voices are the loudest and clearest in determining who is selected. These “base” voters along with a few big money interests have overwhelming influence over our political choices.

To change to an open primary system would give a much greater voice to those of us in the “Silent Majority”. We are the moderates who may lean left or right, but don’t consider compromise with the other side to be a mortal sin. Politicians who can be held accountable to a greater majority of the people, rather than a small but vocal radical fringe element will be allowed greater freedom to actually address our national problems rather than continue to waste time with political posturing and legislation they know to be detrimental to the country.

Please do your part to bring about stability to our democracy by giving us better political options. Please support HB200.

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Matt Coates, CPA

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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Matt Claman  
Chatt, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK

Dear Chattman Claman,

As your committee and the Alaska Legislature considers HB 200 (LeDoux), I strongly encourage you to keep in mind the beneficial impact of a similar reform in California.

California voters in 2010 enacted a "top-two" open primary system that has provided greater choice to voters, improved the relationship between voters and candidates, and encouraged incumbents to represent all of the voters in their districts and not just those from one political party.

As partisan gridlock hardened in the early 2000s, California Forward was charted as a bipartisan effort to identify and promote political, fiscal and other governance reforms that would ease the gridlock, encourage fiscal responsibility and improve results and accountability.

Many of the volunteer leaders and professional staff involved with CA Fwd from the start had decades of experience in and around the Legislature and the political process. After additional research, consultation and public engagement, CA Fwd identified several reforms that we believed would empower voters and encourage elected leaders across the political spectrum to work together to find compromises.

Restoring a top-two primary was made a priority, along with citizens redistricting to reduce gerrymandered districts and term limit reform to enable officials to serve their allotted rime in the same position. Voters embraced all three of these reforms through a series of ballot measures.

While partisan leaders opposed citizens redistricting and top-two primaries, many current members of the Legislature believe they are operating under a better set of rules -ones that allow them to represent a broader range of voter concerns and even make a case to their own leaders why they must compromise to keep faith with the voters who elected them.

While there is still debate among pundits and political consultants, with each election it is becoming **more clear that voters are the real winners.**

California voters are benefiting from more vigorous debates leading up to primaries and general elections. Their *vote* – their voice –is not diminished because they are among the minority party in their district. And their vote is not diminished if they are among the rapidly growing numbers of Californians who choose not to join a political party.

In the November 2016 election, 15 of the 80 races for the California Assembly had candidates of the same party in the general election. Five of the 20 Senate races on that ballot featured candidates of the same party.

In most of those cases, under a closed primary system, the decision would have effectively been made at the June primary. But instead, those campaigns were vigorous through the fall, often grappling with difficult policy challenges of economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and social equity.

Voters in the political minority in their community may not have a member from their party on the general election ballot, but they almost always have a viable candidate in the runoff who is actively working to earn their vote and represent their interests in the capitol.

In turn, third-party advocates have complained that they are no longer guaranteed a candidate in the general election. But no party is guaranteed a candidate in the general election, and all parties are guaranteed a spot on the general election ballot if their candidate gets at least enough votes to come in second in the primary.

Finally some observers suggest the top-two primary results in more "moderate" lawmakers; in some cases that is true, usually when those moderate views reflect the voters in their district. But the more dominant factor is that the process produces lawmakers who must work to represent a solid majority of all of the voters in their district, not just those who are going to vote in a primary.

To be sure, this reform is not a bromide for all that ails our political system. And political process reforms alone will not eliminate difficult tradeoffs. Philosophical differences among the electorate will naturally produce disagreements among their representatives.

But in California, we have been pursuing strategic incremental changes with the potential to improve the relationship between voters and their representatives, as well as reforms that will help lawmakers with different political philosophies find common ground.

We have been so inspired by the pioneering work in other states that earlier this year CA Fwd convened public officials and reformers from across the nation to begin sharing ideas and lessons with the hope of learning from each other in an event titled the 50 State Solution.

It is in that spirit that CA Fwd humbly offers this brief assessment of our primary process reforms and encourages you to give serious consideration to similar reforms in Alaska. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information to inform your deliberations.

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James P. Mayer  
President & CEO

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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB200, Tasha Elizarde

Hello,

My name is Tasha Elizarde and I am from House District 33 (Rep. Kito) and Senate District Q (Sen. Egan). I am writing to support HB200, which would open up elections to independent voters like me and eliminate partisanship in Alaska public offices.

Last month, I turned 18 years old, which means I am finally able to vote. I appreciate having the choice to affiliate myself with a political party or not; I chose to not align myself with any Alaskan party. However, this also causes problems when I go out to vote. When I was working the Democratic caucus last year for the presidential election, many voters were exasperated that they had to register as a Democrat in order to caucus. This translates into voting too. Many of my registered voter friends are annoyed that we limit ourselves to the top political candidates from particular parties instead of having, simply, who is best for Alaska. In sum, it would be better to destroy these political boundaries so we end up with choices better for Alaska, not the better choices from each political party. I strongly support the intent of this bill.

I do worry that because the Anchorage-area is so large, they are able to swing who is on the ballot more than other areas in the state for our congressional elections. This would then limit options for many Alaskan voters. To address this problem, I advocate for a single transferrable vote system, so that we can rank who we would like to have in office.

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DATE: 04-14-17

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Good afternoon, Neighbors.

I am a Non-Partisan, super voter as are 53% of registered voters in the State. Thanks for the chance to comment on HB 200.

I'd like to begin my comments by requesting an amendment or companion bill, simply ending any government spending on Primary Elections or state funding for a "Beauty Contest" for Private Political Parties.

I've studied this issue the last decade and half, statewide primaries cost between 6 - 2 1/2 million per cycle! The state is in financial strain. Where to cut is the question. Here's an easy button!

The State Constitution - Article 5, Part Five: GENERAL ELECTIONS, says nothing about State funding or organizing primary election.

For our neighbors and citizens who choose to belong to any political party or political group (the minority of voters) they can fund their own "Beauty Contest!" They did it successfully just last year. Republicans organized and funded their P.P.P. Democrats organized and funded their caucuses. Other parties and groups had conventions and member mail ins!

That helps the economy, and doesn't cost state funds, which are better spent elsewhere perhaps pioneer homes, education or anywhere that IS in the constitutional requirements.

Locally and statewide "All other groups" HEA Co-Op, VFW, Amvets, IBEW, Teamsters, etc. figure and finance their own elections for leaders, boards, rules, and decisions. They don't come to the State for funding!"

In my 20 plus years in the State, I can give one example after another of Primary blunders and waste, all at State government expense.

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- Recently District 40 - 2 democratic candidates, results challenged by Republican Pooperman Babcock. Then the STATE had to pay for judges, court expense, and time to hash it out! It should have been left up to the Democrat party members to choose their candidate.
- District 29 & others - 1 unopposed candidate in a race costing state dollars.
- District 30 - 4 republican candidates trying to be "The Man." The Republican Party could've rented 1 polling place in Kenai and 1 in Soldotna to determine by their members their choice for the general election. NO STATE FUNDS
- Mr. Mallots and Mr. Frenches Primary (2014). Both candidates ran as Democratic candidates in the Primary but ran as different party candidates in the General.
- Vic Kohrings Primary (2014) - Mr. Kohrings ran for 2 different offices with 2 different parties It goes on and on every year. In 2014, SB 21 was voted on in the Primary, while other ballot initiatives appeared in the General. These included issues such as Min. Wage, Marijuana, and Bristol Bay; political games at State Expense because of Primary.

Whether you call it open primary, closed primary, blanket primary, ranked voting, or any little scheme including this one, I call it wasted spending and not constitutionally required.

Please end it all! Push the easy button THIS YEAR. The parties can be ready for 2018.

Save the State the cost for Primaries. Let the Private Political Parties pay for and select their own candidates for the general election.

Thank you for your time and hopefully consideration!

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