

Initiative Measure No. 126

BALLOT TITLE

AN ACT providing for a non-partisan ballot and relating to the manner of the nomination and election thereby of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state and the County Superintendent of Schools of the various counties thereof.

AN ACT relating to the election of certain officers of the state and county public school systems and providing a non-partisan ballot therefor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The best interests of the school children of this state will be served by removing the administration of the schools from partisan politics.

SEC. 2. No candidate for election to the office of either state Superintendent of Public Instruction or County Superintendent of Schools shall, in his declaration of candidacy for either of said offices, certify his party affiliation. When candidates for election to either office are to be nominated, there shall be provided a section on the ballot headed "NON-PARTISAN BALLOT". Therein shall appear the names of the candidates for nomination under the proper office designation, a opposite each name under the instruction "VOTE FOR ONE". The names of

the candidates who shall have received, respectively, the highest and next to the highest number of votes for each of said offices in the primary election shall appear on the general election ballot, which ballot shall also have a separate section with the same heading and provision for candidates' names as provided for in the primary election ballot herein; *Provided, however,* That where any candidate for either of said offices shall receive a majority of all votes cast at such primary election for such office, the name of such candidate only shall so appear on the general election ballot, and one open space shall be left following such name in which the voter may insert the name of any person for whom he wishes to cast his ballot; *And provided further,* That where voting machines are legally used in any election, the ballot arrangement for the aforesaid offices shall be substantially in the form as set forth herein, but may be so varied as to carry out the purposes required by the use of voting machines.