

Bill would open primaries in Nevada

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CARSON CITY – State Sen. James Settelmeyer introduced a bill Tuesday seeking to open Nevada primaries to all candidates and voters, not just those registered as Republican or Democrat.

Senate Bill 103 is a do-over of sorts of a bill the Minden Republican brought in 2015 to create open primaries. But the final version of that bill had a way different outcome: Instead of allowing more voters to cast a vote, it denied tens of thousands an opportunity to vote for some races in the general election if the outcome was decided in the primary.

The bill would create a modified blanket primary system for partisan offices, where all candidates – not just those affiliated with a major political party – are on the ballot. The two candidates who receive the most votes would advance to the general election, regardless of party.

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