

Protection of Voter Rights

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3 **WHEREAS** the United States of America public government is based on “one person,
4 one vote”;

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6 **WHEREAS** it is alarming that recent aggressive actions have been taken to suppress
7 voting in public elections;

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9 **WHEREAS** many states have legislated unique similar rules that suppress and exclude
10 certain voters and/or demographic groups; and

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12 **WHEREAS** suppressive voting tactics need to be stopped by way of punishment for
13 any person or group engaging in the unlawful practice of voter suppression,

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party calls upon
16 the Washington State Congressional Delegation to lead the effort to defend the freedom
17 to vote by instituting a law to protect voters and their votes from voter suppression and
18 to punish those who seek to interfere with the voting rights of U.S. citizens.
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22 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted
23 5/3/2012)

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25 Recommended ‘PASS WITH AMENDMENTS’ by the Subcommittee on Civil and
26 Human Rights, Government and Political Reform, and Law and the Justice System at its
27 May 12th meeting in Ellensburg.

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29 Recommended ‘PASS’ by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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31 ‘PASSED’ by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
32 Seattle.