
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5226

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By Senators Thorsness, Saling, Amondson and Metcalf.

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Governmental Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to terms of office; and amending RCW 43.01.010 and
2 44.04.021.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.01.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.01.010 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,
7 treasurer, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public
8 instruction, commissioner of public lands, and insurance commissioner,
9 shall hold office for the term of four years, and until their
10 successors are elected and qualified; and the term shall commence on
11 the Wednesday after the second Monday of January following their
12 election.

13 (2) No person may hold any office listed in subsection (1) of this
14 section, the office of state senator or state representative, or any
15 combination of such offices for more than twelve years, whether such

1 office or offices are held consecutively or nonconsecutively. A person
2 may not file for or be appointed to any office listed in subsection (1)
3 of this section if serving the term or remainder of the term would
4 violate the twelve-year limitation of this subsection. Service in any
5 of the offices listed in subsection (1) of this section shall be used
6 when applying the twelve-year limitation of this subsection.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.04.021 and 1987 c 13 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) The regular term of office of each senator and representative
10 shall commence on the second Monday in January following the date of
11 election.

12 (2) No person may hold the office of senator or representative, any
13 office listed in RCW 43.01.010(1), or any combination of such offices
14 for more than twelve years, whether such office or offices are held
15 consecutively or nonconsecutively. A person may not file for or be
16 appointed to the office of senator or representative if serving the
17 term or remainder of the term would violate the twelve-year limitation
18 of this subsection. Service in the office of senator or representative
19 shall be used when applying the twelve-year limitation of this
20 subsection.