
REENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5226

State of Washington 52nd Legislature 1991 Regular Session

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; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the
3 people.

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

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

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

14 (2) No person may hold any office listed in subsection (1) of this
15 section for more than twelve years, whether such office is held

1 consecutively or nonconsecutively. A person may not file for or be
2 appointed to any office listed in subsection (1) of this section if
3 serving the term or remainder of the term would violate the twelve-year
4 limitation of this subsection. Service in any of the offices listed in
5 subsection (1) of this section before Wednesday after the second Monday
6 in January 1993 shall not be used when applying the twelve-year
7 limitation of this subsection.

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

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

13 (2) No person may hold the office of senator or representative for
14 more than twelve years, whether such office is held consecutively or
15 nonconsecutively. A person may not file for or be appointed to the
16 office of senator or representative if serving the term or remainder of
17 the term would violate the twelve-year limitation of this subsection.
18 Service in the office of senator or representative before the second
19 Monday in January 1993 shall not be used when applying the twelve-year
20 limitation of this subsection.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall be submitted to the
22 people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next
23 succeeding general election to be held in this state, in accordance
24 with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution, as amended, and
25 the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.