
SENATE BILL 5058

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By Senators McCaslin and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to vacancies in elective office; and amending RCW
2 42.12.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.12.010 and 1994 c 223 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Every elective office shall become vacant on the happening of any
7 of the following events:

8 (1) The death of the incumbent;

9 (2) His or her resignation. A vacancy caused by resignation shall
10 be deemed to occur upon the effective date of the resignation;

11 (3) His or her removal;

12 (4) Except as provided in RCW 3.46.067 and 3.50.057, his or her
13 ceasing to be a legally registered voter of the district, county, city,
14 town, or other municipal or quasi municipal corporation from which he
15 or she shall have been elected or appointed, including where applicable
16 the council district, commissioner district, or ward from which he or
17 she shall have been elected or appointed;

18 (5) His or her conviction of a felony, or of any offense involving
19 a violation of his or her official oath;

1 (6) His or her refusal or neglect to take his or her oath of
2 office, or to give or renew his or her official bond, or to deposit
3 such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law;

4 (7) The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void his or her
5 election or appointment; ((or))

6 (8) Whenever a judgment shall be obtained against that incumbent
7 for breach of the condition of his or her official bond; or

8 (9) Whenever the incumbent files a declaration of candidacy for any
9 public elective office, whether federal, state, or local, for a term
10 that commences more than seventy-five days before the completion of the
11 incumbent's current term of office, unless the declaration of candidacy
12 is filed at the request of the incumbent's political party during the
13 week following the regular filing period when no candidate of that
14 party filed for the office.

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