
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6563

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Heavey, West, Wojahn, Bauer, Roach, Fairley, Loveland, Schow, Haugen, Swecker, T. Sheldon and Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to effective dates of bills; adding a new section
2 to chapter 1.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the power of
5 referendum reserved to the people is of such paramount importance to
6 our system of government that any legislative act abrogating that power
7 must be subject to explicit justification by the legislative authority.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.04 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) Any bill passed by the legislature, all or any portion of which
11 will take effect before the expiration of the standard ninety-day
12 period specified in the state Constitution, shall state with
13 specificity both: (a) Whether the reason allowed for the early
14 effective date is the necessity for the immediate preservation of the
15 public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and
16 its existing institutions; and (b) the facts that provide the basis for
17 the constitutional exception to the standard ninety-day period.

1 (2) In any county or city having reserved to the people the power
2 of referendum, any legislation passed by the legislative authority of
3 that county or city, all or any portion of which is not subject to the
4 power of referendum, shall state with specificity the facts that
5 provide the basis for the conclusion by the legislative authority that
6 the resolution must take effect immediately.

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