
SENATE BILL 6698

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By Senator McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state salary commission; and
2 amending RCW 43.03.310.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.310 and 1995 c 3 s 2 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) The citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials
7 shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of members of
8 the legislature, all elected officials of the executive branch of state
9 government, and all judges of the supreme court, court of appeals,
10 superior courts, and district courts, and shall fix the salary for each
11 respective position.

12 (2) Except as provided otherwise in RCW 43.03.305 and this section,
13 the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization,
14 operation, and action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all
15 state officials, departments, and agencies.

16 (3) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
17 their services, but shall be eligible to receive a subsistence
18 allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (4) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among
2 their number. The commission shall set a schedule of salaries by an
3 affirmative vote of not less than nine members of the commission.

4 (5) The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for
5 the elected officials with the secretary of state no later than the
6 first Monday in June, 1987, and shall file a schedule biennially
7 thereafter. Each such schedule shall be filed in legislative bill
8 form, shall be assigned a chapter number and published with the session
9 laws of the legislature, and shall be codified by the statute law
10 committee. The signature of the chair of the commission shall be
11 affixed to each schedule submitted to the secretary of state. The
12 chair shall certify that the schedule has been adopted in accordance
13 with the provisions of state law and with the rules, if any, of the
14 commission. Such schedules shall become effective ninety days after
15 the filing thereof, except as provided in Article XXVIII, section 1 of
16 the state Constitution. State laws regarding referendum petitions
17 shall apply to such schedules to the extent consistent with Article
18 XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

19 (6) (~~Prior to~~) Before the filing of any salary schedule, the
20 commission shall first develop a proposed salary schedule and then hold
21 no fewer than four public hearings ((thereon)) on the proposed schedule
22 within the four months immediately preceding the filing. At the last
23 public hearing that is held on the proposed schedule, the commission
24 shall adopt the salary schedule that will be filed with the secretary
25 of state.

26 (7) All meetings, actions, hearings, and business of the commission
27 shall be subject in full to the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30
28 RCW.

29 (8) Salaries of the officials referred to in subsection (1) of this
30 section that are in effect on January 12, 1987, shall continue until
31 modified by the commission under this section.

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