
SENATE BILL 6106

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By Senators McCaslin and Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to incapacity of members of the legislature; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature recognizes the need to provide a means for
7 interim appointments in the case of mental or physical incapacities
8 that render any member of the legislature temporarily unable to perform
9 his or her legislative duties.

10 (2) For purposes of this section, "incapacity" means a physical or
11 mental incapacity that in the opinion of two qualified medical
12 professionals renders a member of the legislature unable to perform his
13 or her legislative duties for an indeterminate period of time.

14 (3) If a member of the legislature is incapacitated, then his or
15 her position shall be filled on an interim basis in the manner set
16 forth in Article II, section 15, of the state Constitution.

17 (4) If a member of the legislature recovers from his or her
18 incapacity, then the member shall immediately resume his or her
19 position, and the appointee shall immediately relinquish the position.

1 If the position becomes vacant due to death or resignation of the
2 member, or removal of the member pursuant to RCW 42.12.010, then the
3 interim appointee shall immediately relinquish the position, and the
4 vacancy shall be filled in the manner set forth in Article II, section
5 15 of the state Constitution.

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