
HOUSE BILL 2174

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By Representative Hankins

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Government Operations & Accountability.

1 AN ACT Relating to the legislature and terms of state officials and
2 members of the legislature; amending RCW 44.04.010 and 43.01.010; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.04.010 and 1980 c 87 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually,
8 commencing on the second Monday of ((January)) March.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.01.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.01.010 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) On the second Monday of January of each odd-numbered year, the
4 legislature shall meet for the following purposes:

5 (a) To judge the election, returns, and qualifications of its
6 members as provided in Article II, section 8 of the state Constitution;

7 (b) To administer the oath of office of such state officers and
8 members of the legislature; and

9 (c) To canvass the votes for elected state officers as provided in
10 Article III, section 4 of the state Constitution.

11 (2) The legislature may also elect its officers and adopt rules of
12 procedure at such meeting, but it shall not act on legislation unless
13 convened in regular or special session pursuant to Article II, section
14 12 of the state Constitution.

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