
HOUSE BILL 2606

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing volunteer fire personnel to hold
2 elective or appointed office; adding a new section to chapter 35.21
3 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 52.30 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A volunteer member of any fire department who does not serve as
8 fire chief for the department may be:

9 (a) A candidate for elective public office and serve in that public
10 office if elected; or

11 (b) Appointed to any public office and serve in that public office
12 if appointed.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, "volunteer" means a member of any
14 fire department who performs voluntarily any assigned or authorized
15 duties on behalf of or at the direction of the fire department without
16 receiving compensation or consideration for performing such duties.

17 (3) For purposes of this section, "compensation" and
18 "consideration" do not include any benefits the volunteer may have
19 accrued or is accruing under chapter 41.24 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 52.30 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) A volunteer member of any fire protection district who does not
4 serve as fire chief for the district may be:

5 (a) A candidate for elective public office and serve in that public
6 office if elected; or

7 (b) Appointed to any public office and serve in that public office
8 if appointed.

9 (2) For purposes of this section, "volunteer" means a member of any
10 fire protection district who performs voluntarily any assigned or
11 authorized duties on behalf of or at the direction of the fire
12 protection district without receiving compensation or consideration for
13 performing such duties.

14 (3) For purposes of this section, "compensation" and
15 "consideration" do not include any benefits the volunteer may have
16 accrued or is accruing under chapter 41.24 RCW.

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