
HOUSE BILL 2656

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By Representative Hinkle

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1 AN ACT Relating to biennial regular sessions of the legislature;
2 amending RCW 44.04.010, 44.04.200, 34.05.610, 40.04.090, 44.55.020, and
3 47.01.071; and providing a contingent effective date.

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 biennially, commencing on the second Monday of January in each odd-
9 numbered year.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.04.200 and 1980 c 87 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 After ~~((June 12, 1980))~~ the effective date of this act, all
13 references in the Revised Code of Washington to a regular session of
14 the legislature mean a regular session during an ~~((odd or even-~~
15 ~~numbered))~~ odd-numbered year unless the context clearly requires
16 otherwise.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 34.05.610 and 1998 c 280 s 9 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) There is hereby created a joint administrative rules review
4 committee which shall be a bipartisan committee consisting of four
5 senators and four representatives from the state legislature. The
6 senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president of
7 the senate, and the house members of the committee shall be appointed
8 by the speaker of the house. Not more than two members from each house
9 may be from the same political party. The appointing authorities shall
10 also appoint one alternate member from each caucus of each house. All
11 appointments to the committee are subject to approval by the caucuses
12 to which the appointed members belong.

13 (2) Members and alternates shall be appointed as soon as possible
14 after the legislature convenes in regular session in an odd-numbered
15 year, and their terms shall extend until their successors are appointed
16 and qualified at the next regular session of the legislature in an odd-
17 numbered year or until such persons no longer serve in the legislature,
18 whichever occurs first. Members and alternates may be reappointed to
19 the committee.

20 (3) On or about January 1, 1999, the president of the senate shall
21 appoint the chairperson and the vice chairperson from among the
22 committee membership. The speaker of the house shall appoint the
23 chairperson and the vice chairperson in alternating even-numbered years
24 beginning in the year 2000 from among the committee membership. The
25 secretary of the senate shall appoint the chairperson and the vice
26 chairperson in the alternating even-numbered years beginning in the
27 year 2002 from among the committee membership. Such appointments shall
28 be made in January of each even-numbered year (~~(as soon as possible~~
29 ~~after a legislative session convenes)~~).

30 (4) The chairperson of the committee shall cause all meeting
31 notices and committee documents to be sent to the members and
32 alternates. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a legislator
33 from the same political party as the original appointment. The
34 appropriate appointing authority shall make the appointment within
35 thirty days of the vacancy occurring.

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 40.04.090 and 1995 c 24 s 4 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 The house and senate journals shall be distributed and sold by the
2 chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the
3 senate as follows:

4 (1) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, sets shall be
5 distributed as follows: One to each requesting official whose office
6 is created by the Constitution, and one to each requesting state
7 department director; two copies to the state library; ten copies to the
8 state law library; two copies to the University of Washington library;
9 one to the King county law library; one to the Washington State
10 University library; one to the library of each of the regional
11 universities and to The Evergreen State College; one each to the law
12 library of any accredited law school in this state; and one to each
13 free public library in the state that requests it.

14 (2) House and senate journals of the preceding regular session
15 (~~during an odd or even numbered year~~), and of any intervening
16 special session, shall be provided for use of legislators and
17 legislative staff in such numbers as directed by the chief clerk of the
18 house of representatives and secretary of the senate.

19 (3) Surplus sets of the house and senate journals shall be sold and
20 delivered by the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the
21 secretary of the senate at a price set by them after consulting with
22 the state printer to determine reasonable costs associated with the
23 production of the journals, and the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to
24 the state treasurer for the general fund.

25 (4) The chief clerk of the house of representatives and the
26 secretary of the senate may exchange copies of the house and senate
27 journals for similar journals of other states, territories, and
28 governments, or for other legal materials, and make such other and
29 further distribution of them as in their judgment seems proper.

30 (5) Periodically the chief clerk of the house of representatives
31 and the secretary of the senate may canvas those entitled to receive
32 copies under this section, and may reduce or eliminate the number of
33 copies distributed to anyone who so concurs.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 44.55.020 and 2003 c 404 s 2 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 A joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy is created,
37 to consist of four senators and four representatives from the

1 legislature and three ex officio members. The president of the senate
2 shall appoint the senate members of the committee, and the speaker of
3 the house shall appoint the house members of the committee. No more
4 than two members from each house may be from the same political party.
5 A list of appointees must be submitted by July 1, 2003, and before
6 (~~the close of each regular session during an~~) July 1st of each even-
7 numbered year. Vacancies on the committee will be filled by
8 appointment and must be filled from the same political party and from
9 the same house as the member whose seat was vacated. The ex officio
10 members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and the
11 president of the senate, and include a representative from the
12 department of agriculture, the state trade representative, and a
13 representative from the office of the attorney general.

14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 47.01.071 and 2007 c 516 s 4 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The transportation commission shall have the following functions,
17 powers, and duties:

18 (1) To propose policies to be adopted by the governor and the
19 legislature designed to assure the development and maintenance of a
20 comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation system which will
21 meet the needs of the people of this state for safe and efficient
22 transportation services. Wherever appropriate, the policies shall
23 provide for the use of integrated, intermodal transportation systems.
24 The policies must be aligned with the goals established in RCW
25 47.04.280. To this end the commission shall:

26 (a) Develop transportation policies which are based on the
27 policies, goals, and objectives expressed and inherent in existing
28 state laws;

29 (b) Inventory the adopted policies, goals, and objectives of the
30 local and area-wide governmental bodies of the state and define the
31 role of the state, regional, and local governments in determining
32 transportation policies, in transportation planning, and in
33 implementing the state transportation plan;

34 (c) Establish a procedure for review and revision of the state
35 transportation policy and for submission of proposed changes to the
36 governor and the legislature; and

1 (d) Integrate the statewide transportation plan with the needs of
2 the elderly and persons with disabilities, and coordinate federal and
3 state programs directed at assisting local governments to answer such
4 needs;

5 (2) To provide for the effective coordination of state
6 transportation planning with national transportation policy, state and
7 local land use policies, and local and regional transportation plans
8 and programs;

9 (3) In conjunction with the provisions under RCW 47.01.075, to
10 provide for public involvement in transportation designed to elicit the
11 public's views both with respect to adequate transportation services
12 and appropriate means of minimizing adverse social, economic,
13 environmental, and energy impact of transportation programs;

14 (4) By December 2010, to prepare a comprehensive and balanced
15 statewide transportation plan consistent with the state's growth
16 management goals and based on the transportation policy goals provided
17 under RCW 47.04.280 and applicable state and federal laws. The plan
18 must reflect the priorities of government developed by the office of
19 financial management and address regional needs, including multimodal
20 transportation planning. The plan must, at a minimum: (a) Establish
21 a vision for the development of the statewide transportation system;
22 (b) identify significant statewide transportation policy issues; and
23 (c) recommend statewide transportation policies and strategies to the
24 legislature to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1) of this
25 section. The plan must be the product of an ongoing process that
26 involves representatives of significant transportation interests and
27 the general public from across the state. Every four years, the plan
28 shall be reviewed and revised, and submitted to the governor and the
29 house of representatives and senate standing committees on
30 transportation.

31 The plan shall take into account federal law and regulations
32 relating to the planning, construction, and operation of transportation
33 facilities;

34 (5) By December 2007, the office of financial management shall
35 submit a baseline report on the progress toward attaining the policy
36 goals under RCW 47.04.280 in the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium. By October
37 1, 2008, beginning with the development of the 2009-2011 biennial
38 transportation budget, and by October 1st biennially thereafter, the

1 office of financial management shall submit to the legislature and the
2 governor a report on the progress toward the attainment by state
3 transportation agencies of the state transportation policy goals and
4 objectives prescribed by statute, appropriation, and governor
5 directive. The report must, at a minimum, include the degree to which
6 state transportation programs have progressed toward the attainment of
7 the policy goals established under RCW 47.04.280, as measured by the
8 objectives and performance measures established by the office of
9 financial management under RCW 47.04.280;

10 (6) To propose to the governor and the legislature prior to the
11 convening of each regular session (~~held in an odd numbered year~~) a
12 recommended budget for the operations of the commission as required by
13 RCW 47.01.061;

14 (7) To adopt such rules as may be necessary to carry out reasonably
15 and properly those functions expressly vested in the commission by
16 statute;

17 (8) To contract with the office of financial management or other
18 appropriate state agencies for administrative support, accounting
19 services, computer services, and other support services necessary to
20 carry out its other statutory duties;

21 (9) To conduct transportation-related studies and policy analysis
22 to the extent directed by the legislature or governor in the biennial
23 transportation budget act, or as otherwise provided in law, and subject
24 to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose;
25 and

26 (10) To exercise such other specific powers and duties as may be
27 vested in the transportation commission by this or any other provision
28 of law.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect if the proposed
30 amendment to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution providing
31 for biennial regular sessions of the legislature is validly submitted
32 to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general
33 election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this
34 act is void in its entirety.

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