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By Senators Swecker, Schoesler, Holmquist Newbry, Delvin, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to hours of availability for inspection and copying  
2 of public records; and amending RCW 42.56.090.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.56.090 and 2009 c 428 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Public records shall be available for inspection and copying during  
7 the customary office hours of the agency, the office of the secretary  
8 of the senate, and the office of the chief clerk of the house of  
9 representatives for a minimum of thirty hours per week, except weeks  
10 that include state legal holidays, unless the person making the request  
11 and the agency, the office of the secretary of the senate, or the  
12 office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives or its  
13 representative agree on a different time. Customary business hours  
14 must be posted on the agency or office's web site and made known by  
15 other means designed to provide the public with notice. Special  
16 purpose districts that customarily do not maintain office hours for a  
17 minimum of thirty hours per week are not required to do so and must

1 post on the agency headquarters location or web site directions on how  
2 to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

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