

---

HOUSE BILL 2655

---

State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2014 Regular Session

By Representative Seaquist

Read first time 01/23/14. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1            AN ACT Relating to setting the salaries for members of the  
2 legislature; and amending RCW 43.03.310.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.310 and 2009 c 564 s 925 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials  
7 shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of (~~members of~~  
8 ~~the legislature,~~) all elected officials of the executive branch of  
9 state government(~~(,)~~) and all judges of the supreme court, court of  
10 appeals, superior courts, and district courts, and shall fix the salary  
11 for each respective position. Beginning on the effective date of this  
12 section, the commission shall fix the salary for each member of the  
13 legislature at the average starting salary for an elementary school  
14 science teacher.

15            (2) Except as provided otherwise in RCW 43.03.305 and this section,  
16 the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization,  
17 operation, and action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all  
18 state officials, departments, and agencies.

1 (3) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for  
2 their services, but shall be eligible to receive a subsistence  
3 allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (4) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among  
5 their number. The commission shall set a schedule of salaries by an  
6 affirmative vote of not less than nine members of the commission.

7 (5) The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for  
8 the elected officials with the secretary of state no later than the  
9 first Monday in June, 1987, and shall file a schedule biennially  
10 thereafter. Each such schedule shall be filed in legislative bill  
11 form, shall be assigned a chapter number and published with the session  
12 laws of the legislature, and shall be codified by the statute law  
13 committee. The signature of the chair of the commission shall be  
14 affixed to each schedule submitted to the secretary of state. The  
15 chair shall certify that the schedule has been adopted in accordance  
16 with the provisions of state law and with the rules, if any, of the  
17 commission. Such schedules shall become effective ninety days after  
18 the filing thereof, except as provided in Article XXVIII, section 1 of  
19 the state Constitution. State laws regarding referendum petitions  
20 shall apply to such schedules to the extent consistent with Article  
21 XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

22 (6) Before the filing of any salary schedule, the commission shall  
23 first develop a proposed salary schedule and then hold no fewer than  
24 four regular meetings as defined by chapter 42.30 RCW to take public  
25 testimony on the proposed schedule within the four months immediately  
26 preceding the filing. In the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium, the commission  
27 shall hold no more than two regular meetings as defined by chapter  
28 42.30 RCW to take public testimony on the proposed schedule within the  
29 four months immediately preceding the filing. At the last public  
30 hearing that is held as a regular meeting on the proposed schedule, the  
31 commission shall adopt the salary schedule as originally proposed or as  
32 amended at that meeting that will be filed with the secretary of state.

33 (7) All meetings, actions, hearings, and business of the commission  
34 shall be subject in full to the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30  
35 RCW.

36 (8) Salaries of the officials referred to in subsection (1) of this

1 section that are in effect on January 12, 1987, shall continue until  
2 modified by the commission under this section.

--- END ---