
SENATE BILL 5060

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By Senators Carrell, Darneille, Dammeier, Conway, and Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to the removal of county elected officials;
2 amending RCW 36.29.090; and adding a new section to chapter 36.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever an action based upon official misconduct is commenced
7 against any elected county official the county commissioners may
8 suspend the elected official from office until such suit is determined,
9 and may appoint some person to fill the vacancy in accordance with
10 chapter 42.12 RCW.

11 (2) For purposes of this section, "action based upon official
12 misconduct" means any action by a court or quasi-judicial entity that
13 is based on wrongful conduct that affects, interrupts, or interferes
14 with the performance of official's duty.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.29.090 and 2001 c 299 s 6 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Whenever an action based upon official misconduct as defined in
18 section 1 of this act is commenced against any county treasurer or the

1 combined office of treasurer-assessor the county commissioners may
2 suspend the treasurer or treasurer-assessor from office until such suit
3 is determined, and may appoint some person to fill the vacancy.

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