

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 2359

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Accountability & Reform, February 24, 2016

**Title:** An act relating to updating obsolete provisions and making technical corrections.

**Brief Description:** Updating obsolete provisions and making technical corrections.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman and Jinkins; by request of Statute Law Committee).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/17/16, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Accountability & Reform: 2/24/16, 2/24/16 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Miloscia, Chair; Padden, Vice Chair; Fraser, Ranking Member; Dandel and McAuliffe.

**Staff:** Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

**Background:** Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Generally. State laws are found in the RCW, which is codified and published by the Code Reviser under the supervision of the Statute Law Committee, a legislative agency.

Role of the Statute Law Committee and Code Reviser. The Statute Law Committee and Code Reviser must edit, organize, and codify laws enacted by the Legislature into the RCW. They must also make periodic recommendations to the Legislature relating to statutory conflicts, obsolete provisions, and reorganization of the RCW.

Form Year Designations. Throughout the RCW there are statutes that provide direction for the content of specific forms. Examples include forms for an indictment, wording of a ballot proposition, and real property deeds.

Generally, these forms include a space used to reference a specific date. In many RCW forms, the statute indicates a specific century, such as "19\_\_."

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**Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments):** Many forms throughout the RCW are modified to remove reference to the date as "19\_\_." Instead, the form provides a space for the date noted as "(year)."

Several other changes are made to:

- Remove expired language;
- Address conflicting changes to the same statutory language; and
- Resolve conflicting expiration dates.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM COMMITTEE (Recommended Amendments):** Modifies language in the bill to account for a change the Legislature made to the affected statute in 2015.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: The Statute Law Committee oversees publication of the laws and brought this bill forward to update references to existing forms and make other technical updates. This helps avoid confusion for those working with forms and public notices set out in statute.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Rep. Goodman, Prime Sponsor; Kyle Thiessen, Code Reviser.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.