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HOUSE BILL 2249

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1            AN ACT Relating to causes for a vacancy in office; amending RCW  
2 42.12.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.12.010 and 1994 c 223 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            Every elective office shall become vacant on the happening of any  
7 of the following events:

8            (1) The death of the incumbent;

9            (2) His or her resignation. A vacancy caused by resignation shall  
10 be deemed to occur upon the effective date of the resignation;

11            (3) Upon a declared leave of absence from duties that is not due  
12 to medical or health-related reasons, or military obligations  
13 pursuant to RCW 73.16.041;

14            (4) His or her removal;

15            ~~((4))~~ (5) Except as provided in RCW ~~((3.46.067 and))~~ 3.50.057,  
16 his or her ceasing to be a legally registered voter of the district,  
17 county, city, town, or other municipal or quasi municipal corporation  
18 from which he or she shall have been elected or appointed, including  
19 where applicable the council district, commissioner district, or ward  
20 from which he or she shall have been elected or appointed;

1       (~~(5)~~) (6) His or her conviction of a felony, or of any offense  
2 involving a violation of his or her official oath;

3       (~~(6)~~) (7) His or her refusal or neglect to take his or her oath  
4 of office, or to give or renew his or her official bond, or to  
5 deposit such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law;

6       (~~(7)~~) (8) The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void  
7 his or her election or appointment; or

8       (~~(8)~~) (9) Whenever a judgment shall be obtained against that  
9 incumbent for breach of the condition of his or her official bond.

10       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
12 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
13 effect immediately.

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