
SENATE BILL 5746

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By Senators Kuderer and Pearson; by request of Lieutenant Governor

1 AN ACT Relating to the association of Washington generals; and
2 amending RCW 43.15.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.15.030 and 2005 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The association of Washington generals is organized as a
7 private, nonprofit, nonpartisan(~~(7)~~) corporation in accordance with
8 chapter 24.03 RCW and this section.

9 (2) The purpose of the association of Washington generals is to:

10 (a) Provide the state a means of extending formal recognition for
11 an individual's outstanding services to the state; (~~and~~)

12 (b) Bring together those individuals to serve the state as
13 ambassadors of trade, tourism, and international goodwill; and

14 (c) Expand educational and/or employment opportunities for youth,
15 veterans, and people with disabilities in Washington state.

16 (3) The association of Washington generals may conduct activities
17 in support of their mission, including but not limited to:

18 (a) Establishing selection criteria for selecting Washington
19 generals;

20 (b) (~~Operating a statewide essay competition;~~

1 ~~(e))~~) Training Washington generals as ambassadors of the state of
2 Washington, nationally and internationally; and

3 ~~((d))~~) (c) Promoting Washington generals as ambassadors of the
4 state of Washington.

5 (4) The association of Washington generals is governed by a board
6 of directors. The board is composed of the governor, lieutenant
7 governor, ~~((and))~~ the secretary of state, who serve as ex officio,
8 ~~((nonvoting))~~ voting members, ~~((and other officers and members as the
9 association of Washington generals designates))~~ three members
10 appointed by the president of the senate, three members appointed by
11 the speaker of the house of representatives, and three members
12 appointed by the governor's office.

13 (5)(a) Two of the initial appointments by the governor and the
14 speaker of the house of representatives, and one of the initial
15 appointments by the president of the senate under subsection (4) of
16 this section are for two years. Two of the initial appointments by
17 the president of the senate, and one of the initial appointments by
18 the governor and the speaker of the house of representatives under
19 subsection (4) of this section are for four years.

20 (b) After the initial appointments, all appointments are for four
21 years. No member is eligible for appointment to more than two full
22 terms. Service on the board prior to the effective date of this
23 section would not be considered a full term under this section.

24 (6) The board must select from its membership the chair of the
25 board and such other officers as it deems appropriate.

26 (7) A majority of the board constitutes a quorum.

27 (8) The board must create its own bylaws in accordance with the
28 laws of the state of Washington.

29 (9) The governor, president of the senate, or speaker of the
30 house of representatives may remove one of their appointed board
31 members, but only upon grounds of neglect of duty or misconduct in
32 office.

33 (10) If a vacancy occurs on the board, a successor must be
34 appointed according to the procedures in subsection (4) of this
35 section. The appointed member must serve the remainder of the term.

36 (11) The board shall:

37 (a) Review nominations for and be responsible for the selection
38 of Washington generals; and

39 (b) Establish the title of honorary Washington general to honor
40 worthy individuals from outside the state of Washington.

1 (~~(5)~~) (12) The lieutenant governor's office may provide
2 technical and financial assistance for the association of Washington
3 generals.

4 (~~(6)~~) (13) The legislature may make appropriations in support
5 of the Washington generals subject to the availability of funds.

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