
HOUSE BILL 2249

State of Washington

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2020 Regular Session

By Representative Appleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to staggering legislative terms in accordance
2 with the constitutional amendment to extend legislative terms; adding
3 a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; providing a contingent effective
4 date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 Elections for state legislators in the 2022, 2024, 2026, and 2028
9 elections are to be held as follows:

10 (1) Members of the house of representatives in even-numbered
11 districts shall be elected to four-year terms beginning in the 2022
12 election.

13 (2) Members of the house of representatives in odd-numbered
14 districts shall be elected to two-year terms in the 2022 election,
15 and four-year terms beginning in the 2024 election.

16 (3) Members of the senate in districts six, seven, eight,
17 thirteen, fifteen, twenty-one, twenty-six, and twenty-nine shall be
18 elected to six-year terms beginning in the 2022 election.

19 (4) Members of the senate in districts thirty, thirty-one,
20 thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six,
21 thirty-seven, thirty-eight, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four,

1 forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, and forty-eight shall be elected
2 to four-year terms in the 2022 election, and six-year terms beginning
3 in the 2026 election.

4 (5) Members of the senate in districts one, two, three, four,
5 five, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, fourteen, sixteen, seventeen,
6 eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and twenty-two shall be elected to six-
7 year terms beginning in the 2024 election.

8 (6) Members of the senate in districts twenty-three, twenty-four,
9 twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-
10 one, and forty-nine shall be elected to four-year terms in the 2024
11 election, and six-year terms beginning in the 2028 election.

12 (7) This section expires June 30, 2029.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect on January 1, 2021,
14 if the proposed amendment to Article II, sections 5 and 6 of the
15 state Constitution extending legislator term lengths (House Joint
16 Resolution No.. . . (H-3573/20)) is validly submitted to and is
17 approved and ratified by voters at the next general election. If the
18 proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void in
19 its entirety.

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