

SENATE BILL 5797

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1 AN ACT Relating to the payment of salary and expenses when
2 performing the duties of the governor; amending RCW 43.03.011,
3 43.03.020, and 43.06.040; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 Sec. 1. RCW 43.03.011 and 2017 1st sp.s. c 1 s 1 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Pursuant to Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution
8 and RCW 43.03.010 and 43.03.310, the annual salaries of the state
9 elected officials of the executive branch shall be as follows:

10 (1) Effective September 1, 2016:

- 11 (a) Governor. \$173,617
12 (b) Lieutenant governor. \$101,889
13 (c) Secretary of state. \$121,663
14 (d) Treasurer. \$140,438
15 (e) Auditor. \$121,663
16 (f) Attorney general. \$159,395
17 (g) Superintendent of public instruction. \$134,212
18 (h) Commissioner of public lands. \$132,858
19 (i) Insurance commissioner. \$124,061

20 (2) Effective September 1, 2017:

- 21 (a) Governor. \$175,353

1	(b) Lieutenant governor.	\$102,908
2	(c) Secretary of state.	\$122,880
3	(d) Treasurer.	\$143,247
4	(e) Auditor.	\$122,880
5	(f) Attorney general.	\$160,989
6	(g) Superintendent of public instruction.	\$135,554
7	(h) Commissioner of public lands.	\$135,515
8	(i) Insurance commissioner.	\$125,302
9	(3) Effective September 1, 2018:	
10	(a) Governor.	\$177,107
11	(b) Lieutenant governor.	\$103,937
12	(c) Secretary of state.	\$124,108
13	(d) Treasurer.	\$144,679
14	(e) Auditor.	\$124,108
15	(f) Attorney general.	\$162,599
16	(g) Superintendent of public instruction.	\$136,910
17	(h) Commissioner of public lands.	\$138,225
18	(i) Insurance commissioner.	\$126,555
19	(4) The lieutenant governor shall receive the fixed amount of his	
20	or her salary plus 1/260th of the difference between his or her	
21	salary and that of the governor for each day that the lieutenant	
22	governor is called upon to perform the duties of the governor by	
23	reason of the absence from the state, removal, resignation, death, or	
24	disability of the governor. <u>Such amounts must be paid from funds</u>	
25	<u>appropriated to the office of the governor.</u>	

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.03.020 and 2009 c 549 s 5006 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 Whenever by reason of the absence from the state or the
29 disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor is called upon
30 temporarily to perform the duties of the office of governor, he or
31 she shall be paid upon his or her personal voucher therefor the sum
32 of ten dollars per day for expenses. Such amounts must be paid from
33 funds appropriated to the office of the governor.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.06.040 and 2009 c 549 s 5014 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 If the governor absents himself or herself from the state, he or
37 she shall, prior to his or her departure, notify the lieutenant
38 governor of his or her proposed absence, and during such absence the

1 lieutenant governor shall perform all the duties of the governor. Any
2 salary or expenses from performing all the duties of the governor
3 must be paid from funds appropriated to the office of the governor.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
6 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
7 effect immediately.

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