
SENATE BILL 5151

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By Senators Valdez, Hunt, Nguyen, and Nobles; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating the executive team of the office of
2 the secretary of state by adding a chief of staff position; amending
3 RCW 43.07.020; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.07.020 and 2009 c 549 s 5025 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The secretary of state may have one assistant secretary of state
8 ~~((and))~~, one deputy secretary of state, and one chief of staff each
9 of whom shall be appointed by ~~((him or her))~~ the secretary in
10 writing, and continue ~~((during his or her))~~ serving at the pleasure
11 of the secretary. The assistant secretary of state ~~((and))~~, deputy
12 secretary of state, and chief of staff shall have the power to
13 perform any act or duty relating to the secretary of state's office,
14 that the secretary of state has, and the secretary of state shall be
15 responsible for the acts of said assistant ~~((and))~~, deputy, and chief
16 of staff.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2 effect immediately.

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