

HOUSE BILL 1210

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting the terms of elective officials;  
2 amending RCW 43.01.010 and 44.04.021; adding a new section to chapter  
3 29.68 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.01.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.01.010 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state,  
8 treasurer, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public  
9 instruction, commissioner of public lands, and insurance commissioner,  
10 shall hold office for the term of four years, and until their  
11 successors are elected and qualified; and the term shall commence on  
12 the Wednesday after the second Monday of January following their  
13 election. Beginning on the effective date of this act, no person may  
14 be elected to any one of these offices more than three times  
15 consecutively, and no person who held any of one of these offices by

1 succession or appointment for more than two years of a term to which  
2 some other person was elected, shall be elected to the same office more  
3 than twice consecutively.

4       **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.04.021 and 1987 c 13 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       The regular term of office of each senator and representative shall  
7 commence on the second Monday in January following the date of  
8 election. Beginning on the effective date of this act, no person may  
9 be elected to the senate more than three times consecutively, and no  
10 person who held the position of senator for more than two years of a  
11 term to which some other person was elected, shall be elected to the  
12 senate more than twice consecutively. No person may be elected to the  
13 house of representatives more than six times consecutively, and no  
14 person who held the position of representative for more than one year  
15 of a term to which some other person was elected, shall be elected to  
16 the house of representatives more than five times consecutively.

17       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29.68 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19       Beginning on the effective date of this act, no person may be  
20 elected to the United States senate from this state more than two times  
21 consecutively, and no person who held the position of United States  
22 senator for more than three years of a term to which some other person  
23 was elected, shall be elected to the United States senate from this  
24 state more than once. No person may be elected to the United States  
25 house of representatives from this state more than six times, and no  
26 person who held the position of United States representative for more  
27 than one year of a term to which some other person was elected, shall

1 be elected to the Unites States house of representatives from this  
2 state more than five times.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
4 any service in office by incumbents, successors, and appointees before  
5 the effective date of this act shall not be used to determine  
6 eligibility to hold office under sections 1 through 3 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its  
8 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
9 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
10 persons or circumstances is not affected.