

SENATE BILL 6600

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By Senator Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing unclassified position appointments
2 in city or town police departments; and adding a new section to chapter
3 41.12 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.12 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The classified civil service and provisions of this chapter
8 include all certified police officers and other employees of the police
9 department in each city or town except the chief and an additional
10 number of positions, designated the unclassified service, in every city
11 or town determined as follows:

	Staff Personnel	Unclassified Position Appointments
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13	1 through 10	2
14	11 through 20	3
15	21 through 50	4
16	51 through 100	5
17	101 through 250	6
18	251 through 500	8
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2 (2) The unclassified position appointments authorized by this
3 section must include selections from the following positions up to the
4 limit of the number of positions authorized: Assistant chief, deputy
5 chief, bureau commander, and administrative assistant or administrative
6 secretary. The initial selection of specific positions to be exempt
7 shall be made by the chief, who shall notify the civil service
8 commission of his or her selection. Subsequent changes in the
9 designation of which positions are to be exempt may be made only with
10 the concurrence of the chief, mayor or city administrator, and the
11 civil service commission, and then only after the civil service
12 commission has heard the issue in open meeting. Should the position or
13 positions initially selected by the chief to be exempt, as unclassified
14 under this section, be under the classified civil service at the time
15 of the selection, and should the position be occupied, the employee
16 occupying the position has the right to return to the next highest
17 position or a like position under classified civil service.

18 In those cities and towns in which the chief of police is a
19 mandated civil service position, this section does not apply.

20 (3) The classified civil service and provisions of this chapter
21 include all full paid employees of the police department of each city,
22 town, or municipality coming within its purview, except those
23 individuals appointed as police chief and the executive staff
24 personnel, including the assistant chief, deputy chief, bureau
25 commander, and administrative assistant or administrative secretary to
26 a department with six or more commissioned officers, including the
27 police chief. All appointments to and promotions in the department
28 shall be made solely on merit, efficiency, and fitness except as
29 provided in RCW 35.13.360 through 35.13.400, which shall be ascertained
30 by open competitive examination and impartial investigation. No person
31 shall be reinstated in or transferred, suspended, or discharged from
32 any such place, position, or employment contrary to the provisions of
33 this chapter except those exempted positions.

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