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**By** House State Government, Elections & Information Technology  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins and Volz; by request  
of Lieutenant Governor)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the association of Washington generals; and  
2 amending RCW 43.15.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.15.030 and 2005 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The association of Washington generals is organized as a  
7 private, nonprofit, nonpartisan((~~r~~)) corporation in accordance with  
8 chapter 24.03 RCW and this section.

9 (2) The purpose of the association of Washington generals is to:

10 (a) Provide the state a means of extending formal recognition for  
11 an individual's outstanding services to the state; ((and))

12 (b) Bring together those individuals to serve the state as  
13 ambassadors of trade, tourism, civic life, and international  
14 goodwill; and

15 (c) Expand educational and employment opportunities for youth,  
16 veterans, uniform service members, military families, and people with  
17 disabilities in Washington state.

18 (3) The association of Washington generals may conduct activities  
19 in support of their mission, including but not limited to:

20 (a) Establishing selection criteria for selecting Washington  
21 generals;

1           (b) ~~((Operating a statewide essay competition;~~  
2           ~~(e)))~~ Training Washington generals as ambassadors of the state of  
3 Washington, nationally and internationally; and

4           ~~((d)))~~ (c) Promoting Washington generals as ambassadors of the  
5 state of Washington.

6           (4) The association of Washington generals is governed by a board  
7 of directors. The board is composed of the governor, lieutenant  
8 governor, and the secretary of state, who serve as ex officio,  
9 ~~((nonvoting))~~ voting members, ~~((and other officers and members as the~~  
10 ~~association of Washington generals designates))~~ three members  
11 appointed by the president of the senate, three members appointed by  
12 the speaker of the house of representatives, and three members  
13 appointed by the governor.

14           (5)(a) Two of the initial appointments by the governor and the  
15 speaker of the house of representatives, and one of the initial  
16 appointments by the president of the senate under subsection (4) of  
17 this section are for two years. Two of the initial appointments by  
18 the president of the senate, and one of the initial appointments by  
19 the governor and the speaker of the house of representatives under  
20 subsection (4) of this section are for four years.

21           (b) After the initial appointments, all appointments are for four  
22 years. No member is eligible for appointment to more than two full  
23 terms. Service on the board prior to the effective date of this  
24 section would not be considered a full term under this section.

25           (6) The board must select from its membership the chair of the  
26 board and such other officers as it deems appropriate.

27           (7) The board must create its own bylaws in accordance with the  
28 laws of the state of Washington, submit bylaws to the chief clerk of  
29 the house of representatives and secretary of the senate, and assure  
30 that the tax-exempt status of the association of Washington generals  
31 under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code is maintained.

32           (8) The governor, president of the senate, or speaker of the  
33 house of representatives may remove any of their appointed board  
34 members.

35           (9) If a vacancy occurs on the board, a successor must be  
36 appointed according to the procedures in subsection (4) of this  
37 section. The appointed member must serve the remainder of the term.

38           (10) The board shall:

39           (a) Review nominations for and be responsible for the selection  
40 of Washington generals; and

1           (b) Establish the title of honorary Washington general to honor  
2 worthy individuals from outside the state of Washington.

3           (~~(5)~~) (11) The lieutenant governor's office may provide  
4 technical and financial assistance for the association of Washington  
5 generals.

6           (~~(6)~~) (12) The legislature may make appropriations in support  
7 of the Washington generals subject to the availability of funds.

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