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HOUSE BILL 1259

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By Representatives Abbarno, Stearns, and Reeves; 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 signing authority to the chief of  
3 staff position; amending 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 have signing authority and be appointed by ~~((him or~~  
10 ~~her))~~ the secretary in writing, and continue ~~((during his or her))~~  
11 serving at the pleasure of the secretary. The assistant secretary of  
12 state ~~((and))~~, deputy secretary of state, and chief of staff shall  
13 have the power to perform any act or duty relating to the secretary  
14 of state's office, that the secretary of state has, and the secretary  
15 of state shall be responsible for the acts of said assistant ~~((and))~~,  
16 deputy, and chief 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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