
SENATE BILL 5999

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By Senator McCaslin.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the frequency of revising elected officials'
2 salaries; and amending RCW 43.03.310.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.310 and 1986 c 155 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials
7 shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of members of
8 the legislature, all elected officials of the executive branch of state
9 government, and all judges of the supreme court, court of appeals,
10 superior courts, and district courts, and shall fix the salary for each
11 respective position.

12 (2) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the commission
13 shall be solely responsible for its own organization, operation, and
14 action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all state officials,
15 departments, and agencies.

1 (3) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
2 their services, but shall be eligible to receive a subsistence
3 allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (4) The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from
5 among their number. The commission shall set a schedule of salaries by
6 an affirmative vote of not less than eight members of the commission.

7 (5) The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for
8 the elected officials with the secretary of state no later than the
9 first Monday in June, 1987, and shall file a schedule not less than
10 biennially thereafter. Each such schedule shall be filed in
11 legislative bill form, shall be assigned a chapter number and published
12 with the session laws of the legislature, and shall be codified by the
13 statute law committee. The signature of the chairperson of the
14 commission shall be affixed to each schedule submitted to the secretary
15 of state. The chairperson shall certify that the schedule has been
16 adopted in accordance with the provisions of state law and with the
17 rules, if any, of the commission. Such schedules shall become
18 effective ninety days after the filing thereof, except as provided in
19 Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution. State laws
20 regarding referendum petitions shall apply to such schedules to the
21 extent consistent with Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state
22 Constitution. The commission may file a schedule more frequently than
23 biennially if it determines that one or more officials' salaries should
24 be readjusted or in order to establish a new schedule of salaries if a
25 referendum is sustained.

26 (6) Prior to the filing of any salary schedule, the commission
27 shall hold no fewer than four public hearings thereon within the four
28 months immediately preceding the filing.

1 (7) All meetings, actions, hearings, and business of the commission
2 shall be subject in full to the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30
3 RCW.

4 (8) Salaries of the officials referred to in subsection (1) of this
5 section that are in effect on January 12, 1987, shall continue until
6 modified by the commission under this section.