

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6698**

Chapter 164, Laws of 1998

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

WASHINGTON STATE SALARY COMMISSIONS--TIMELINES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1998  
YEAS 42 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 5, 1998  
YEAS 94 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 25, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6698** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

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**Secretary**

FILED

March 25, 1998 - 4:50 p.m.

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 1998 Regular Session

**State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1998 Regular Session**

**By Senator McCaslin**

Read first time 01/27/98.      Referred to Committee on Government  
Operations.

1            AN ACT Relating to the Washington state salary commission; and  
2 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 1995 c 3 s 2 are each amended to read as  
5 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 RCW 43.03.305 and this section,  
13 the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization,  
14 operation, and action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all  
15 state officials, departments, and agencies.

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

1 (4) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among  
2 their number. The commission shall set a schedule of salaries by an  
3 affirmative vote of not less than nine members of the commission.

4 (5) The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for  
5 the elected officials with the secretary of state no later than the  
6 first Monday in June, 1987, and shall file a schedule biennially  
7 thereafter. Each such schedule shall be filed in legislative bill  
8 form, shall be assigned a chapter number and published with the session  
9 laws of the legislature, and shall be codified by the statute law  
10 committee. The signature of the chair of the commission shall be  
11 affixed to each schedule submitted to the secretary of state. The  
12 chair shall certify that the schedule has been adopted in accordance  
13 with the provisions of state law and with the rules, if any, of the  
14 commission. Such schedules shall become effective ninety days after  
15 the filing thereof, except as provided in Article XXVIII, section 1 of  
16 the state Constitution. State laws regarding referendum petitions  
17 shall apply to such schedules to the extent consistent with Article  
18 XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

19 (6) (~~Prior to~~) Before the filing of any salary schedule, the  
20 commission shall first develop a proposed salary schedule and then hold  
21 no fewer than four (~~public hearings thereon~~) regular meetings as  
22 defined by chapter 42.30 RCW to take public testimony on the proposed  
23 schedule within the four months immediately preceding the filing. At  
24 the last public hearing that is held as a regular meeting on the  
25 proposed schedule, the commission shall adopt the salary schedule as  
26 originally proposed or as amended at that meeting that will be filed  
27 with the secretary of state.

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

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

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Passed the House March 5, 1998.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1998.

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