

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1730**

Chapter 377, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON DEBT--EFFECT OF PAYMENTS AND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the House April 18, 2019  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 15, 2019  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 13, 2019 4:04 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1730** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 16, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Walen, Frame, Jinkins, Macri, and Ormsby

Read first time 01/29/19. Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to the effect of payment or acknowledgment made  
2 after the expiration of a limitations period; and amending RCW  
3 4.16.270 and 4.16.280.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.16.270 and Code 1881 s 45 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            When any payment (~~of principal or interest~~) has been or shall  
8 be made upon any existing contract prior to its applicable limitation  
9 period having expired, whether (~~it be~~) the contract is a bill of  
10 exchange, promissory note, bond, or other evidence of indebtedness,  
11 if (~~such~~) the payment (~~be~~) is made after (~~the same shall have~~  
12 ~~become~~) it is due, the limitation period shall (~~commence~~) restart  
13 from the time the (~~last~~) most recent payment was made. Any payment  
14 on the contract made after the limitation period has expired shall  
15 not restart, revive, or extend the limitation period.

16            **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.16.280 and Code 1881 s 44 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18            No acknowledgment or promise shall be sufficient evidence of a  
19 new or continuing contract whereby to take the case out of the  
20 operation of this chapter, unless it is contained in some writing

1 signed by the party to be charged thereby; (~~but~~) except, an  
2 acknowledgment or promise made after the limitation period has  
3 expired shall not restart, revive, or extend the limitation period.  
4 This section shall not alter the effect of any payment of principal  
5 or interest.

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