
HOUSE BILL 1115

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1 AN ACT Relating to salaries of state officials; amending RCW
2 43.03.310; and providing a contingent effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.310 and 2009 c 564 s 925 are each amended to
5 read 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 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) Before the filing of any salary schedule, the commission shall
20 first develop a proposed salary schedule and then hold no fewer than
21 four regular meetings as defined by chapter 42.30 RCW to take public
22 testimony on the proposed schedule within the four months immediately
23 preceding the filing. In the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium, the commission
24 shall hold no more than two regular meetings as defined by chapter
25 42.30 RCW to take public testimony on the proposed schedule within the
26 four months immediately preceding the filing. At the last public
27 hearing that is held as a regular meeting on the proposed schedule, the
28 commission shall adopt the salary schedule as originally proposed or as
29 amended at that meeting that will be filed with the secretary of state.

30 (7) In the event that the omnibus operating appropriations act
31 reflects a general salary reduction for state employees, the commission
32 shall immediately file a new salary schedule with the secretary of
33 state that reduces the salaries of state elected officials, members of
34 the legislature, and judges of the supreme court, court of appeals,
35 superior courts, and district courts commensurate with the reduction
36 for state employees. This adjustment shall take effect immediately
37 upon the commission's action and will remain in effect for the same
38 period of time as for state employees.

1 (8) 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))~~ (9) Salaries of the officials referred to in subsection (1)
5 of this section that are in effect on January 12, 1987, shall continue
6 until modified by the commission under this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act takes effect if the
8 proposed amendment to Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state
9 constitution (House Joint Resolution . . . (H-0602.1/11)) is validly
10 submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next
11 general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and
12 ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

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