

# Initiative No. 1685

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## BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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AN ACT Relating to adding term limits for elected officials; adding a new section to chapter 43.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW to read as follows:

(1) No state executive officer shall serve more than two terms in the same elected office. Once the term limit is met, the state executive officer is permanently ineligible from election to the same office.

(2) Any officer currently exceeding the term limits set in this section is ineligible for reelection.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW to read as follows:

(1)(a) No state representative shall serve more than five terms as representative in any district or position. Once the term limit is met, the representative is permanently ineligible from being elected to equivalent office within the state of Washington.

(b) No state senator shall serve more than three terms as state senator. Once the term limit is met, the senator is permanently ineligible from being elected to equivalent office within the state of Washington.

(2) Any representative or senator currently exceeding the term limits set in this section is ineligible for reelection.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act may be known and cited as the term limits for elected officials act.

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