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1 AN ACT Relating to the legislature and terms of state officials and
2 members of the legislature; amending RCW 44.04.010 and 43.01.010; and
3 adding new sections to chapter 44.04 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.04.010 and 1980 c 87 s 27 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually,
8 commencing on the second Monday of February in each odd-numbered year
9 and on the second Monday of January in each even-numbered year.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.01.010 and 1965 c 8 s 43.01.010 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer,
13 auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction,

1 commissioner of public lands, and insurance commissioner, shall hold
2 office for the term of four years, and until their successors are
3 elected and qualified; and the term shall commence on the ((~~Wednesday~~
4 ~~after the~~)) second Monday of January following their election.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Members of the legislature shall hold office for the terms provided
8 in Article II of the state Constitution; and the term shall commence on
9 the second Monday of January following their election.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) On the second Monday of January of each odd-numbered year, the
13 legislature shall meet for the following purposes:

14 (a) To canvass the votes for elected state officers as provided in
15 Article III, section 4 of the state Constitution;

16 (b) To judge the election, returns, and qualifications of its
17 members as provided in Article II, section 8 of the state Constitution;
18 and

19 (c) To administer the oath of office of such state officers and
20 members of the legislature.

21 (2) The legislature may also elect its officers and adopt rules of
22 procedure at such meeting, but it shall not pass legislation unless
23 convened in regular or special session pursuant to Article II, section
24 12 of the state Constitution.