RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy. Every elective office shall become vacant on the happening of any of the following events:

(1) The death of the incumbent;

(2) The resignation of the incumbent. A vacancy caused by resignation shall be deemed to occur upon the effective date of the resignation;

(3) The removal of the incumbent;

(4) Except as provided in *RCW 3.46.067 and 3.50.057, the incumbent ceasing to be a legally registered voter of the district, county, city, town, or other municipal or quasi municipal corporation from which the incumbent shall have been elected or appointed, including where applicable the council district, commissioner district, or ward from which the incumbent shall have been elected or appointed;

(5) The incumbent's conviction of a felony, or of any offense involving a violation of the incumbent's official oath;

(6) The incumbent's refusal or neglect to take their oath of office, or to give or renew their official bond, or to deposit such oath or bond within the time prescribed by law;

(7) The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void the incumbent's election or appointment;

(8) Whenever a judgment shall be obtained against that incumbent for breach of the condition of their official bond; or

(9) Whenever an elected law enforcement official does not maintain certification as required under chapter 43.101 RCW, has been decertified pursuant to a final decision by the criminal justice training commission under chapter 43.101 RCW or a final decision on appeal, or if the other requirements of RCW 36.28.025 have not been met or have not been complied with while in office. [2026 c 258 s 12; 1994 c 223 s 2; 1993 c 317 s 9; 1981 c 180 s 4; Code 1881 s 3063; 1866 p 28 s 2; RRS s 9950.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 3.46.067 was repealed by 2008 c 227 s 12, effective July 1, 2008.

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2026 c 258: See notes following RCW 35.21.333.

Effective date—1994 c 223 s 2: "(1) Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1995.

(2) *Section 20 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1994." [1994 c 223 s 94.]

***Reviser's note:** The governor vetoed 1994 c 233 s 20.

Severability—Effective date—1993 c 317: See notes following RCW 3.50.810.

Severability—1981 c 180: See note following RCW 42.12.040.