

Chapter 42.04 RCW
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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RCW 42.04.020 Eligibility to hold office. That no person shall be competent to qualify for or hold any elective public office within the state of Washington, or any county, district, precinct, school district, municipal corporation or other district or political subdivision, unless he or she be a citizen of the United States and state of Washington and an elector of such county, district, precinct, school district, municipality or other district or political subdivision. [2012 c 117 s 94; 1919 c 139 s 1; RRS s 9929. FORMER PART OF SECTION: Code 1881 s 3050 codified as RCW 42.04.021.]

Apple commission, qualifications of members: RCW 15.24.020.

Attorney general, qualifications: RCW 43.10.010.

Cities, council-manager plan, qualifications of city manager: RCW 35.18.040.

Cities and towns, residence qualifications of officials and employees: RCW 35.21.200.

County hospital board of trustees, eligibility: RCW 36.62.140.

Court administrator: RCW 2.56.010.

Court commissioners, qualifications: RCW 2.24.010.

Dairy products commission, members, qualifications: RCW 15.44.030.

Electors, qualifications: State Constitution Art. 6 s 1 (Amendment 5).

Engineers and land surveyors' board of registration, qualifications: RCW 18.43.030.

Fire protection district commissioners, qualifications: RCW 52.14.010.

Fish and wildlife commission members, qualifications: RCW 77.04.040.

Flood control districts, qualifications of governing board: RCW 85.38.070.

Fruit commission, qualifications of members: RCW 15.28.030.

Hardwoods commission, qualifications: RCW 15.74.010.

Honey bee commission, qualifications: RCW 15.62.060.

Horse racing commission, qualifications: RCW 67.16.012.

Judges of superior court, eligibility: State Constitution Art. 4 s 17.

Judges of supreme court, eligibility: State Constitution Art. 4 s 17.

Legislators, eligibility: State Constitution Art. 2 s 7; Art. 2 s 14.

Mosquito control district board members, qualifications: RCW 17.28.120.

Municipal court judges, qualifications: RCW 35.20.170.

Prosecuting attorney, eligibility: RCW 36.27.010.

Public utility district commissioners, qualifications: RCW 54.12.010.

Religious qualification to hold public office or employment prohibited: State Constitution Art. 1 s 11 (Amendment 4).

Residence for eligibility to public office: State Constitution Art. 6 s 4.

School directors, qualifications: RCW 28A.343.340.

School teachers, qualifications: RCW 28A.410.025, 28A.405.040.

State hospitals for individuals with mental illness, superintendents' powers: RCW 72.23.030.

State officers, eligibility: State Constitution Art. 3 s 25 (Amendment 31).

State schools for blind and deaf, qualifications of superintendents: RCW 72.40.020.

Superior court reporters, qualifications: RCW 2.32.180.

Towns, eligibility of officers: RCW 35.27.080.

Utilities and transportation commission, qualifications: RCW 80.01.020.

Veterinary board members, qualifications: RCW 18.92.021.

Weed district director and electors, qualifications: RCW 17.04.070.

Wine commission, qualifications: RCW 15.88.030.

RCW 42.04.040 Proceedings to impeach, etc., preserved. The omission to specify or affirm in *this act any ground of forfeiture of a public office or other trust or special authority conferred by law, or any power conferred by law to impeach, remove, depose or suspend any public officer or other person holding any trust, appointment or other special authority conferred by law, shall not affect such forfeiture or power, or any proceeding authorized by law to carry into

effect such impeachment, removal, deposition or suspension. [1909 c 249 s 45; RRS s 2297.]

***Reviser's note:** The term "this act" relates to the criminal code of 1909. For disposition of sections, see note following RCW 9.01.120.

Forfeiture of office for conviction of felony or malfeasance: RCW 9.92.120.

Impeachment and removal: State Constitution Art. 5.

Recall of elective officers: State Constitution Art. 1 s 33 (Amendment 8); chapter 29A.56 RCW.

RCW 42.04.060 Business hours—Posting on website. Except as provided in section 3, chapter 32, Laws of 2010 1st sp. sess., all state elective and appointive officers shall keep their offices open for the transaction of business for a minimum of forty hours per week, except weeks that include state legal holidays. Customary business hours must be posted on the agency or office's website and made known by other means designed to provide the public with notice. [2010 1st sp.s. c 32 s 5; 2009 c 428 s 1; 1973 2nd ex.s. c 1 s 2; 1955 ex.s. c 9 s 3. Prior: 1951 c 100 ss 3, 4; 1941 c 113 s 1; Rem. Supp. 1941 s 9963-1.]

Intent—2010 1st sp.s. c 32: "The legislature declares that unprecedented revenue shortfalls necessitate immediate action to reduce expenditures during the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium. From April 27, 2010, it is the intent of the legislature that state agencies of the legislative branch, judicial branch, and executive branch including institutions of higher education, shall achieve a reduction in government operating expenses as provided in this act. It is the legislature's intent that, to the extent that the reductions in expenditures reduce compensation costs, agencies and institutions shall strive to preserve family-wage jobs by reducing the impact of temporary layoffs on lower-wage jobs." [2010 1st sp.s. c 32 s 1.]

Conflict with federal requirements—2010 1st sp.s. c 32: "If any part of this act is found to be in conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the state." [2010 1st sp.s. c 32 s 11.]

Effective date—2010 1st sp.s. c 32: "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately [April 27, 2010]." [2010 1st sp.s. c 32 s 13.]

Office hours of city, county, precinct: RCW 35.21.175, 36.16.100.

RCW 42.04.070 Compensation for unofficial services. That the directors, trustees and commissioners of state institutions in this state, serving as such without any compensation, shall not be precluded by reason of holding such offices from receiving compensation for services not official rendered without being procured or brought about by use of such official position, or by reason thereof, but such officers shall be allowed to receive such reasonable compensation for services not official or connected with their respective offices as they would otherwise be allowed were they not such officers. [1891 c 109 s 1; RRS s 10966.]