AN ACT Relating to councilmembers; amending section 29.13.023, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 11, chapter 126, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 29.13.023; amending section 29.13.024, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 12, chapter 126, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 29.13.024; amending section 29.21.017, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.21.017; amending section 4, chapter 223, Laws of 1953 as amended by section 26, chapter 171, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 38.52.210; amending section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 as amended by section 6, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 and RCW 41.24.060; amending section 6, chapter 203, Laws of 1963 and RCW 42.14.050; amending section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.06.300; adding a new section to Title 35 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.01 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to Title 35 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As used in this title, the term "councilman" or "councilmen" means councilmember or councilmembers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 35A.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As used in this title, the term "councilman" or "councilmen" means councilmember or councilmembers.

Sec. 3. Section 29.13.023, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 11, chapter 126, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 29.13.023 are each amended to read as follows:

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor–council form of government whose charters provide for twelve ((councilmen)) councilmembers elected for a term of two years, two being elected from each of six wards, and for the election of a mayor, treasurer, and comptroller for terms of two years, shall be held biennially as provided in RCW 29.13.020. The term of each ((councilman)) councilmember, mayor, treasurer, and comptroller shall be four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified and assumes office in accordance with RCW 29.04.170. The terms of the ((councilmen)) councilmembers shall be so staggered that six ((councilmen)) councilmembers shall be elected to office at each regular election.

Sec. 4. Section 29.13.024, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 12, chapter 126, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 29.13.024 are each amended to read as follows:

All regular elections in first class cities having a mayor–council form of government whose charters provide for seven ((councilmen)) councilmembers, one to be elected from each of six wards and one at large,
for a term of two years, and for the election of a mayor, comptroller, treasurer and attorney for two year terms, shall be held biennially as provided in RCW 29.13.020. The terms of the six (councilmen) councilmembers to be elected by wards shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified and the term of the (councilman) councilmember to be elected at large shall be two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of the (councilmen) councilmembers shall be so staggered that three ward (councilmen) councilmembers and the (councilman) councilmember at large shall be elected at each regular election. The term of the mayor, attorney, treasurer, and comptroller shall be four years and until their successors are elected and qualified and assume office in accordance with RCW 29.04.170.

Sec. 5. Section 29.21.017, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.21.017 are each amended to read as follows:

Not less than ten days before the time for filing declarations of candidacy for (councilmen) councilmembers in cities or towns operating under the mayor–council or council–manager form of government, except the position of (councilman-at-large) councilmember-at-large assigned a two year term in cities of the third class, the city clerk shall designate the positions to be filled by consecutive number, commencing with one. The positions so designated shall be dealt with as separate offices for all election purposes.

The provisions of this section shall be the exclusive method of nominating and electing (councilmen) councilmembers for all cities and towns the charter provisions of any city notwithstanding.

Sec. 6. Section 4, chapter 223, Laws of 1953 as amended by section 26, chapter 171, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 38.52.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In each local organization for emergency services established by the county commissioners in accordance with the provisions of RCW 38.52.070, there is hereby created and established a compensation board for the processing of claims as provided in this chapter. The compensation board shall be composed of one member of the board of county commissioners selected by the county commissioners of the county who will serve as (chairman) the chair of the compensation board; the county director of emergency services; the prosecuting attorney; the emergency services coordinator for medical and health services; and the county auditor who will serve as secretary of the compensation board.

(2) In each local organization for emergency services established by cities and towns in accordance with RCW 38.52.070, there is hereby created and established a compensation board for the processing of claims as provided in this chapter. The compensation board shall be composed of the mayor; the city director of emergency services; one (councilman) councilmember or commissioner selected by the council or the commission;
the city attorney or corporation counsel; and the emergency services coordinator of medical and health services. The councilmember or commissioner so selected shall serve as the chair of the compensation board and the director of emergency services shall serve as secretary of the board.

Sec. 7. Section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1943 as amended by section 6, chapter 261, Laws of 1945 and RCW 41.24.060 are each amended to read as follows:

In every municipal corporation maintaining a regularly organized fire department there is hereby created and established a board of trustees for the administration of this chapter. Such board shall consist of the mayor, city clerk or comptroller, and one councilmember of such municipality, the chief of the fire department, and one member of the fire department to be elected by the members of such fire department for a term of one year and annually thereafter. Where a municipality is governed by a board, the chair, one member of the board and the secretary or clerk thereof shall serve as members of said board in lieu of the mayor, clerk or comptroller and councilmember.

Sec. 8. Section 6, chapter 203, Laws of 1963 and RCW 42.14.050 are each amended to read as follows:

In the event that the executive head of any city or town is unavailable by reason of enemy attack to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office, then those members of the city or town council or commission available for duty shall by majority vote select one of their number to act as the executive head of such city or town. In the event enemy attack reduces the number of city or town councilmembers or commission members, then those members available for duty shall have full power to act by majority vote of those present.

Sec. 9. Section 1, chapter 79, Laws of 1979 and RCW 43.06.300 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created in the executive office of the governor a state criminal justice planning agency to be known as the governor's council on criminal justice appointed by and subject to the jurisdiction of the governor.

The council shall be composed of no more than thirty members. No less than one-half of the council shall consist of individuals serving as members of county legislative authorities, mayors/councilmembers, judges, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, and police chiefs and at least one representative from each of these six groups shall be appointed plus the president of the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs: PROVIDED, That the total number of such individuals on the council may be reduced by the governor to the extent required to achieve compliance with federal laws or regulations which condition federal grants upon a particular composition of the council.
Members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred while attending official meetings of the council in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended.

As used in RCW 43.06.310 through 43.06.330, "council" means the governor's council on criminal justice, "crime" means crimes committed by both adult and juvenile offenders, and "division" means the division of criminal justice.

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CHAPTER 214

[Senate Bill No. 3532]

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE RENEWAL—REGISTRATION YEAR

AN ACT Relating to vehicle licenses; and amending section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.006.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.006 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The term "registration year" for the purposes of chapters 46.16, 82-.44, and 82.50 RCW shall mean the effective period of a vehicle license issued by the department. Such year shall commence at 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year designated by the department and shall end at 12:01 a.m. on the same date of the next succeeding calendar year. If a vehicle license previously issued in this state has been expired for more than thirty days and is renewed with a different registered owner, a new registration year is deemed to commence upon the date the expired license is renewed in order that the renewed license be useable for a full twelve-month period.

(2) Each registration year may be divided into twelve registration months. Each registration month shall commence on the day numerically corresponding to the day of the calendar month on which the registration year begins, and shall terminate on the numerically corresponding day of the next succeeding calendar month.

(3) Each registration year may be divided into four registration quarters, each consisting of three registration months. The first quarter shall commence with registration month one.

(4) Where the term "last day of the month" is utilized in chapters 46-.16, 82.44, and 82.50 RCW in lieu of a specified day of any calendar month it shall mean the last day of such calendar month or months irrespective of the numerical designation of that day.