

The language relating to medical care and requiring standards of a skilled nursing home is both inappropriate and irrelevant. "Medical care" could mean a doctor's house call, administration of a shot, or treatment of a sore throat. Obviously, the medical standards required of nursing homes are not necessary to the kind of treatment likely to be given in a group home. Group homes are not and would not be medically oriented nor provided for a medical purpose. Additionally, there seems to be no justifiable purpose to grant this authority in this act and then terminate it on February 15, 1974. If provision of group homes is a worthy idea, which it is, then there is no justification for this language.

Veto
Message

Accordingly, for the reasons set out above, I have determined to veto that item in section two of Senate Bill No. 2256. With that exception, the remainder of the bill is approved."

CHAPTER 199
[Substitute House Bill No. 894]
VOTER REGISTRATION--PRECINCT
COMMITTEEMEN--REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to elections, voting, and voter registration; amending section 29.07.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 4, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.010; adding a new section to chapter 29.07 RCW; repealing section 29.07.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965, section 6, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.040; and providing for a referendum.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 29.07 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The purpose of this 1973 amendatory act is to make registration to vote readily available to Washington's citizens and to recognize that voting under the democratic system is a right, not a privilege; that the present voting registration laws serve to effectively defeat this right by making it extremely difficult, and even impossible, for many citizens to vote, particularly the aged, the sick, and the poor who do not normally have easy access to places of registration.

Sec. 2. Section 29.07.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 4, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.010 are each amended to read as follows:

In all counties the county auditor shall be the chief registrar of voters for every precinct within the county. He shall appoint a deputy registrar for each precinct or for any number of precincts and shall appoint city or town clerks as deputy registrars to assist in registering voters residing in cities, towns, and rural precincts within the county. In addition, he shall appoint the precinct committeemen elected or appointed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 29.42.050 as deputy registrars to assist in registering voters if the precinct committeemen so request.

A deputy registrar shall be a registered voter and, except for city and town clerks and precinct committeemen, shall hold office at the pleasure of the county auditor.

The county auditor shall be the custodian of the official registration records of each precinct within that county. The expenses of registration shall be apportioned between the county and cities or towns therein in the same manner as provided in RCW 29.07.030.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 29.07.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965, section 6, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.040 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1973 amendatory act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1973, in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the state Constitution, as amended, and laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

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CHAPTER 200
 [House BILL No. 1108]
 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES--
 REVENUE--STATE GAME FUND

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 77.12.170,