

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) Section 36.62.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.62.020;
- (2) Section 36.62.220, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.62.220;
- (3) Section 36.62.240, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, section 44, chapter 141, Laws of 1979 and RCW 36.62.240; and
- (4) Section 3, chapter 277, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 36.62.281.

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CHAPTER 27

[Substitute House Bill No. 1101]

ABSENTEE BALLOTS—HOSPITAL PATIENTS

AN ACT Relating to absentee voting; amending section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 76, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.010; and amending section 29.36.035, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36.035.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 76, chapter 361, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 29.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((In addition to those persons authorized under section 19 of this 1977 amendatory act,))~~ Any duly registered voter may vote an absentee ballot for any primary or election in the manner provided in this chapter.

A voter desiring to cast an absentee ballot must apply in writing to his county auditor no earlier than forty-five days nor later than the day prior to any election or primary: PROVIDED, That an application honored for a primary ballot shall also be honored as an application for a ballot for the following election if the voter so indicates on his application: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a voter admitted to a hospital no earlier than five days before a primary or election and confined to the hospital on election day may apply by messenger for an absentee ballot on the day of the primary or election if a signed statement from the hospital administrator, or designee, verifying the voter's date of admission and status as a patient in the hospital on the day of the primary or election is attached to the absentee ballot application.

Such applications must contain the voter's signature and may be made in person or by mail or messenger: PROVIDED, That no application for an absentee ballot shall be approved unless the voter's signature upon the application compares favorably with the voter's signature upon his permanent registration record.

Sec. 2. Section 29.36.035, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.36-.035 are each amended to read as follows:

The delivery of an absentee ballot for any primary or election shall be subject to the following qualifications:

(1) Only the voter, himself, or a member of his family may pick up an absentee ballot at the office of the issuing officer unless the voter is hospitalized on election day and applies by messenger in accordance with RCW 29.36.010 for an absentee ballot on the day of the primary or election. In this latter case, the messenger may pick up the hospitalized voter's absentee ballot.

(2) Except as noted in subsection (1) above, the issuing officer shall mail the absentee ballot directly to each applicant.

(3) No absentee ballot shall be issued on the day of the primary or election concerned, except as provided by RCW 29.36.010, for a voter confined to a hospital on the day of a primary or election.

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CHAPTER 28

[House Bill No. 1107]

HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION—BOND ALLOCATION

AN ACT Relating to allocation of bonds of the housing finance commission; and amending section 20, chapter 161, Laws of 1983 and RCW 43.180.200.

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

Sec. 1. Section 20, chapter 161, Laws of 1983 and RCW 43.180.200 are each amended to read as follows:

For purposes of the code:

(1) The legislature reserves the right at any time to alter or change the structure, organization, programs, or activities of the commission and to terminate the commission, so long as the action does not impair any outstanding contracts entered into by the commission;

(2) Any net earnings of the commission beyond that necessary to retire its bonds and to carry out the purposes of this chapter shall not inure to the benefit of any person other than the state;

(3) Upon dissolution of the commission, title to all of its remaining property shall vest in the state;

(4) The commission constitutes the only housing finance agency of the state of Washington; and

(5) In order to take advantage of the maximum amount of tax exempt bonds for housing financing available pursuant to the code, the state ceiling