

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 29.36 RCW to read as follows:

Any disabled voter or any voter over the age of sixty-five may apply, in writing, for status as an ongoing absentee voter. Each such voter shall be granted that status by his or her county auditor and shall automatically receive an absentee ballot for each ensuing election for which he or she is entitled to vote and need not submit a separate application for each election. Ballots received from ongoing absentee voters shall be validated, processed, and tabulated in the same manner as other absentee ballots.

Status as an ongoing absentee voter shall be terminated upon any of the following events:

- (1) The written request of the voter;
- (2) The death or disqualification of the voter;
- (3) The cancellation of the voter's registration record;
- (4) The return of an ongoing absentee ballot as undeliverable; or
- (5) January 1st of each odd-numbered year.

A disabled voter is defined as a voter qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1).

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 29.36 RCW to read as follows:

As soon as practical following the first day of January of each odd-numbered year, the county auditor shall notify each ongoing absentee voter of the termination of his or her status as such a voter under section 2(5) of this act. Included with this notice shall be a postage prepaid return form permitting any such voter to renew his or her status as an ongoing absentee voter. Upon receipt and signature verification of the renewal form, the county auditor shall continue to provide absentee ballots to such voters, subject to the provisions of section 2 of this act.

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## CHAPTER 274

[House Bill No. 832]

### WORLD FAIR COMMISSION

AN ACT Relating to the world fair commission; adding a new section to chapter 43.96D RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.96D RCW to read as follows:

The world fair commission may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, and may enter into contracts, leases, or other revenue producing agreements for the use and benefit of the purposes of the commission and expend the same and any income therefrom in implementing its duties under this chapter. However, no gifts, grants, and endowments shall be accepted for the personal use of any commissioner. As used in this section, gifts, grants and endowments may be temporary or permanent.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 275

[Engrossed House Bill No. 54]

### NUCLEAR INCIDENTS—LIABILITY

AN ACT Relating to tort liability; and adding new sections to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise the following definitions apply throughout section 2 of this act:

(1) "Nuclear incident" means any occurrence within this state causing, within or without this state, bodily injury, sickness, disease or death; loss or damage to property; or loss of use of property arising out of the resultant radioactive, toxic, explosive, or other hazardous properties of radioactive wastes being stored in or being transported to or from a waste repository in this state.

(2) "Operator" means the entity or entities that have been given responsibility for constructing, operating, or monitoring waste repositories or transporting radioactive waste and may include the United States and its federal agencies.

(3) "Radioactive waste" includes, but is not limited to, high-level radioactive waste, low-level radioactive waste, transuranic radioactive waste, spent nuclear fuel, and radioactive defense waste. It does not include de minimus radioactive waste.