

From statehood until 1930, the authority to fill legislative vacancies was vested in the governor without regard to district or party. Vacancies in the legislature after 1930 have been filled by appointment of the legislative authority(ies) of the county(ies) in which the vacancies occur and, since 1957, the person appointed must reside in the same district and be of the same party as the legislator vacating the office and be one of three nominees submitted by the party's county(ies) central committee.

WA Constitution, Art. II, § 15



POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE SENATE

Year	D	R	Total
2025	30	19	49
2024	29	20	49
2023	29	20	49
2022	28*	20	50
2021	28*	20	50
2020	28*	20	50
2019	28*	20	50
2018	25*	23	50
2017	24*	24	50
2016	23*	25	50
2015	23*	25	50
2014	23*	24	51
2013	24*	23	51
2012	27	22	49
2011	27	22	49
2010	31	18	49
2009	31	18	49
2008	32	17	49
2007	32	17	49
2006	26	23	49
2005	26	23	49
2004	24	25	49
2003	24	25	49
2002	25	24	49
2001	25	24	49
2000	27	22	49
1999	27	22	49
1998	23	26	49
1997	23	26	49
1996	25	24	49
1995	25	24	49
1994	28	21	49
1993	28	21	49
1992	24	25	49
1991	24	25	49
1990	24	25	49
1989	24	25	49
1988	24	25	49
1987	25	24	49
1986	27	22	49
1985	27	22	49
1984	26	23	49
1983	26	23	49
1982	24	25	49
1981	24	25	49
1980	30	19	49

POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

Year	D	R	Total
2025	59	39	98
2024	58	40	98
2023	58	40	98
2022	57	41	98
2021	57	41	98
2020	57	41	98
2019	57	41	98
2018	50	48	98
2017	50	48	98
2016	50	48	98
2015	51	47	98
2014	55	43	98
2013	55	43	98
2012	56	42	98
2011	56	42	98
2010	61	35	96
2009	62	36	98
2008	63	35	98
2007	62	36	98
2006	55	43	98
2005	55	43	98
2004	52	46	98
2003	52	46	98
2002	50	48	98
2001	49	49	98
2000	49	49	98
1999	49	49	98
1998	41	57	98
1997	42	56	98
1996	36	62	98
1995	37	61	98
1994	65	33	98
1993	65	33	98
1992	58	40	98
1991	58	40	98
1990	63	35	98
1989	63	35	98
1988	61	37	98
1987	61	37	98
1986	53	45	98
1985	53	45	98
1984	53	45	98
1983	54	44	98
1982	43	55	98
1981	42	56	98
1980	49	49	98