

# Initiative Measure No. 199

## OFFICIAL BALLOT TITLE

### LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

**AN ACT** Relating to the state legislature and legislative districts; defining forty-nine senatorial and representative districts; creating three new legislative districts; providing for the number and apportionment of the members of the legislature; increasing the membership of the state senate by three members; substituting census tracts as established by the United States Bureau of the Census for precincts as the basic geographical units from which legislative districts are formed; combining such census tracts to form newly created districts and to change the boundaries and population of some existing districts; and repealing certain acts in conflict therewith.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. At the general election to be held in 1958, and every four years thereafter, a senator shall be elected for a term of four years from the following senatorial districts:

Second, sixth, seventh, eighth, thirteenth, fifteenth, twenty-first, twenty-sixth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh and forty-eighth.

In all other senatorial districts a senator shall be elected in 1960, and every four years thereafter, for a term of four years: *Provided*, That in the forty-ninth district a senator shall be elected in 1958 for a term of two years and thereafter the term shall be for four years.

SEC. 2. The senate shall consist of forty-nine members, one of whom shall be elected from each of the forty-nine senatorial districts, constituted as set forth in Sections 3 through 51 of this act.

SEC. 3. First—the counties of Okanogan and Douglas.

SEC. 4. Second—the counties of Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille.

SEC. 5. Third—the following census tracts in the City of Spokane: 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 27, 28.

SEC. 6. Fourth—The following census tracts in the City of Spokane: 29, 30, 31, 40 and 41, and the following census tracts in Spokane County: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,

49, 50, 51, 52, Millwood, Rockford, Fairfield, Waverly and Latah.

SEC. 7. Fifth—the following census tracts in the City of Spokane: 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, and the following census tracts in Spokane County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 30, 31, Deer Park.

SEC. 8. Sixth—the following census tracts in the City of Spokane: 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39.

SEC. 9. Seventh—the following census tracts in the City of Spokane: 7, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 35, 36, and the following census tracts in Spokane County: 29, 32, 33, 34, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 53, 54, Medical Lake, Cheney, and Spangle.

SEC. 10. Eighth—the counties of Lincoln, Adams and Grant.

SEC. 11. Ninth—the counties of Whitman, Garfield and Asotin.

SEC. 12. Tenth—the counties of Columbia and Walla Walla.

SEC. 13. Eleventh — Franklin County and the following census tracts in Benton County: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, and Kennewick.

SEC. 14. Twelfth—Chelan County.

SEC. 15. Thirteenth — Kittitas County and the following census tracts in Yakima County: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and Selah.

SEC. 16. Fourteenth—the following census tracts in Yakima County: 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, and Yakima.

SEC. 17. Fifteenth—the following census tracts in Yakima County: 1, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, Sunnyside, Toppenish and Wapato.

Sec. 18. Sixteenth — Klickitat County and the following census tracts in Benton County: 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and Prosser: and the following census tracts in Yakima County: 22, 23, 29, 30, 38, 39, and 40.

Sec. 19. Seventeenth — Skamania County and the following census tracts in Clark County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and Camas.

Sec. 20. Eighteenth—the counties of Cowlitz and Wahkiakum.

Sec. 21. Nineteenth—Pacific County and the following census tracts in Grays Harbor County: 11, 12, 13, Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

Sec. 22. Twentieth—Lewis County.

Sec. 23. Twenty-first — Mason County and the following census tracts in Grays Harbor County: 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10: and the following census tracts in Kitsap County: 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and Port Orchard.

Sec. 24. Twenty-second—Thurston County.

Sec. 25. Twenty-third—the following census tracts in Kitsap County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and Bremer-ton.

Sec. 26. Twenty-fourth—the Counties of Clallam and Jefferson and the following census tracts in Grays Harbor County: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Sec. 27. Twenty-fifth—the following census tracts in Pierce County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, Puyallup, and Sumner.

Sec. 28. Twenty-sixth—the following census tracts in Pierce County: 24, 25, 26, 27, and Ruston: and the following census tracts in the City of Tacoma: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15.

Sec. 29. Twenty-seventh—the following census tracts in the City of Tacoma: 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21: and census tract 8 in Pierce County.

Sec. 30. Twenty-eighth—the following census tracts in Pierce County: 14, 15, 17, 30, 31, and 32: and the following census tracts in the City of Tacoma: 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

Sec. 31. Twenty-ninth—the following census tracts in Pierce County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, and 29: and the following census tracts in the City of Tacoma: 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

Sec. 32. Thirtieth—the following census tracts in King County: 14, 15,

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 39, Auburn, Enumclaw, and Kent.

Sec. 33. Thirty-first—the following census tracts in King County: 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59: and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: S-2 and R-1B.

Sec. 34. Thirty-second—the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: B-2, B-3, B-6, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4.

Sec. 35. Thirty-third—the following census tracts in King County: 64 and 65: and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: P-2, P-3, Q-2, Q-3, R-2, R-3A, R-3B, R-4A, and R-4B.

Sec. 36. Thirty-fourth—the following census tracts in King County: 22, 23, and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: N-1, N-2, N-3, N-4, O-4A, O-4B, S-1A, S-1B, and S-3.

Sec. 37. Thirty-fifth—the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: L-2, L-3, L-4, L-5, M-1, M-2, M-3, M-4, M-5, O-1, O-2, and O-3.

Sec. 38. Thirty-sixth—the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: F-1A, F-1B, F-1C, F-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-6, and L-1.

Sec. 39. Thirty-seventh—the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: J-1, J-2, J-3, K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4, K-5, P-1, Q-1.

Sec. 40. Thirty-eighth—the following census tracts in the County of Snohomish: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and Snohomish.

Sec. 41. Thirty-ninth — the following census tracts in Snohomish County: 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, and Everett.

Sec. 42. Fortieth — the following census tracts in Snohomish County: 1, 2, and 3: and the following census tracts in Whatcom County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 18: and the following census tracts in Skagit County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, and Sedro Woolley.

Sec. 43. Forty-first — the counties of Island and San Juan: the following census tracts in Skagit County: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Mt. Vernon and Anacortes: and the following census tracts in the County of Snohomish: 4, and 5.

Sec. 44. Forty-second—the following census tracts in Whatcom County:

9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and Bellingham.

SEC. 45. Forty-third—the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: D-2, D-3, D-5, D-6, H-1, H-2, H-3, I-1, I-2, and I-3.

SEC. 46. Forty-fourth—the following census tracts in King County: 101 and 102; and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, B-1, B-4, and B-5.

SEC. 47. Forty-fifth—the following census tracts in King County: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 98, 99, 100, 103, and 104.

SEC. 48. Forty-sixth—the following census tracts in King County: 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 105, 106, 107, and 108, and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: C-5, D-1, D-4, D-7, D-8, D-9, D-10, D-11, and D-12.

SEC. 49. Forty-seventh—the following census tracts in King County: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and Kirkland.

SEC. 50. Forty-eighth—the following census tracts in King County: 11, 12, 13, 40, 60, 61, 62, 63, and Renton; and the following census tracts in the City of Seattle: R-1A, R-5A, and R-5B.

SEC. 51. Forty-ninth—the following census tracts in Clark County: 10 and Vancouver.

SEC. 52. The House of Representatives shall consist of ninety-nine members to be elected from forty-nine representative Districts. Each Senatorial District, as numbered and created by this Initiative, shall constitute a Representative District bearing the same number.

SEC. 53. The Thirty-first Representative District shall have three representatives. All other Representative Districts shall have two representatives.

SEC. 54. The terms of office of all senators and representatives elected under the provisions of this act shall commence on the second Monday in January following the date of their election.

SEC. 55. The representatives provided for in this act shall be elected at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1958, and every two years thereafter.

SEC. 56. Census Tracts referred to herein are all the political divisions, subdivisions, census tracts and other terms to describe census divisions used in the current Census division system used and approved by United States Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce and the detailed descriptions of said divisions together with detailed maps are on file and available in the Office of Population Research and Washington State Census Board or United States Bureau of Census and the boundaries of Census Tracts referred to herein are the same boundaries as are shown upon the official documents or maps maintained by or for the United States Bureau of the Census existing as of January 1, 1956, having the same corresponding numbers or names as given to Census political divisions.

SEC. 57. Any Census tract (division) not specifically mentioned or included within the boundaries of any senatorial and representative district, and which is completely surrounded by territory embraced within a particular senatorial and representative district, shall be and become a part of such senatorial and representative district. In case any such Census tract (division) is not completely surrounded by territory embraced within a particular senatorial and representative district, the Census tract (division) shall be and become a part of the senatorial and representative district having the smallest number of electors and having territory adjoining or contiguous to such Census tract (division) in the same county in which the Census tract (division) is located.

SEC. 58. Chapter 2, Laws of 1931; chapter 20, Laws of 1933; chapter 74, Laws of 1933; chapter 221, Laws of 1951; and RCW 44.04.020, 44.04.110, 44.08.010, 44.08.020, 44.08.060, 44.08.061, 44.12.010, and 44.12.020 are each repealed: *Provided*, That this initiative shall not in any way affect the membership, districts or other organization of the thirty-fifth legislature nor abolish nor shorten any term of office of any member of the Legislature commenced prior to the effectiveness of this initiative.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

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EARL COE,  
Secretary of State.

# ARGUMENT FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 199

## VOTE YES

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Make Washington's Legislature truly representative of all the people.  
**Vote Yes for 199.**

Initiative 199 creates more equal legislative districts. It was drafted by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Washington. The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and the Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee appointed representatives to work with members of the drafting committee which framed this measure.

The Constitution requires the State Legislature to change the number of legislative districts or their boundaries after each census in accordance with changes in population in order to keep the number of people represented by each legislator as nearly equal as possible. Since 1901 this has been done only once when the people redistricted by initiative in 1930.

Shifts and changes in the population have occurred in the intervening 25 years. Redistricting is once more long overdue. Each year the inequality of voting power gets worse.

Consider 2 districts in eastern Washington. According to the latest (1950) official census one of them has a population of about 18,000; the other, 80,000. Even more extreme are two districts in King County; one has about 35,000; the other, 130,000. Each district has 1 senator and 2 representatives.

Initiative 199 gives Washington voters a chance to right these wrongs. **A vote Yes for 199** will help make one man's vote worth the same as another. Expert opinion has rated this the fairest and most accurate plan ever proposed for the state.

Initiative 199 carries out the requirements of the State Constitution. It creates districts with approximately the same number of people in them. It takes into account geographical variations, community of interest, and areas of changing population. Initiative 199 counts people and not registered voters. The number of districts is increased from 46 to 49. Each district will elect 1 senator and 2 representatives, except the largest district, which will have 3 representatives.

**A few of the public-minded groups favoring 199 are:**

Washington Education Association  
Washington Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Washington Republican Club  
Young Democrats of Washington  
Municipal League of Seattle and King County  
Municipal League of Tacoma  
King County Republican Convention  
King County Democratic Convention

Chambers of Commerce—  
Tacoma, Seattle, South Kitsap  
Central Labor Councils—  
Tacoma, Seattle, Renton  
Aeronautical Industrial District Lodge 751  
Evergreen Republican Club  
Metropolitan Democratic Club  
Young Democrats of King County  
Young Republicans of King County

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