

## When Do Newly Elected Officials Assume Office?

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| U.S. Senator                                       | Noon on the 3rd day of January (US Constitution, Amendment XX, Sec 1 & 2)        |
| U.S. Congress                                      | Noon on the 3rd day of January (US Constitution, Amendment XX, Sec 1 & 2)        |
| State Senate                                       | Second Monday in January (RCW 44.04.021)   |
| State Representatives                              | Second Monday in January (RCW 44.04.021)   |
| State Officials                                    | The Wednesday after the second Monday in January (RCW 43.01.010)                 |
| Supreme Court                                      | Second Monday in January (WA Constitution, Article 4 Section 3)                  |
| Court of Appeals                                   | Second Monday in January (RCW 2.06.070)  |
| Superior Court                                     | Second Monday in January (RCW 2.08.070)  |
| District Court                                     | Second Monday in January (RCW 3.34.070)  |
| County Officials                                   | January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)   |
| Public Utility Commissioners                       | January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)   |
| Precinct Committee Officers                        | First day of December, following the primary election (RCW 29A.80.051)           |
| Cities and Towns Mayor/Councils                    | January 1 (RCW 29A.020.040)  |
| Fire, Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Commissioners | January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)   |
| Olympia Municipal Judge                            | January 1 (RCW 3.50.040)   |
| School Districts                                   | First official board meeting following election certification. (RCW 28A.343.360) |

- *All unexpired term positions take office upon election certification.*
- *All short plus full term positions take office upon election certification and again in January.*