

54-03-01.8. Staggering of the terms of senators. Senators from odd-numbered districts must be elected in 1982 for a term of four years. Each senator from an even-numbered district must be elected in 1984 for a four-year term, except a senator in an even-numbered district with new geographic area which area was not in that senator's district for the 1980 election and which new geographic area has a 1980 population which is more than two thousand, must be elected in 1982 for a two-year term. Based on this criteria, districts two, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty-eight, forty-four, forty-six, and fifty-two shall elect senators in 1982.

The two senators for the combined seventeenth and eighteenth districts must be elected in 1982, one for a term of four years and one for a term of two years. For any election in that multisenator district in which both seats are to be filled, all papers indicating the office sought, including any certificate of endorsement, filing petition, certificate of nomination, ballot, or certificate of election, must also indicate the term sought.