



# Violet Boede

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** 1892  
Friday Harbor, Washington

**Death:** June 4, 1964  
Bellingham, Washington

**Occupation:**

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1935-39, 1941-47,  
1949-51

**Office:** Representative

**District:**  
40 (San Juan, Skagit Counties)

## Personal:

- Resided on Orcas Island
- Married to Conrad W. Boede, a fruit farmer, 2 sons
- Born Amy Violet Paxson

## Education:

## Community Service:

- Parent Teacher Association
- Red Cross
- Washington State Grange

## Affiliations:

- Democratic Party
- Orcas Island Garden Club, president
- Rebekah Lodge

## Awards:

## Legislative & State Service:

- First woman, and Democrat, to be elected to the State Legislature from San Juan County

**Committees:** (1935) Engrossment, chair; Appropriations; Claims and Auditing; Counties and County Boundaries; Fisheries (1937) Engrossment, chair; Appropriations; Education; Fisheries; Parks and Playgrounds; State Library (1941) Fisheries, chair; Appropriations; Education; Engrossment; Parks and Playgrounds (1943) Fisheries, chair;

Appropriations; Education; Harbors and Waterways; Parks and Playgrounds (1945) Fisheries, chair; Appropriations; Dairy and Livestock; Education; Parks and Playgrounds; State Granted, School and Tide Lands (1949) Fisheries, chair; Appropriations; Education and Libraries; Horticulture; Parks and Playgrounds

**House Bills sponsored:**

**(1935 session)**

56-Relating to the relief of H.H. Matteson and making an appropriation

Went to third reading

124-Relating to community property rights

Went to first reading

551-Relating to the Cascade wagon road

Went to first reading

620-Relating to the establishment of State Highway No. 1

Went to first reading

**(1937 session)**

100-Relating to closing the tide lands of San Juan county to commercial clam digging until

July 1, 1943

Signed by Governor Martin

149-Relating to collection of taxes

Went to first reading

222-Relating to the provision for a teachers' retirement system

Signed by Governor Martin

317-Relating to the operation of ferries by the state

Reported out of committee and died

338-Relating to judicial ballots

Went to second reading

358-Providing educational opportunities for the children of soldiers, sailors and marines who were killed in action or died during the world war

Signed by Governor Martin

446-Relating to industrial disputes

Went to third reading

490-Relating to dancing where beer and wine are sold retail

Reported out of committee and died

**(1941 session)**

None sponsored

**(1943 session)**

167-Relating to equalization and relief for small schools

Signed by Governor Langlie

**(1945 session)**

146-Relating to a ferry between Anacortes and San Juan Islands

Went to first reading

363-Relating to vehicular roads, highways and bridges within state parks

Signed by Governor Wallgren

410-Relating to fishing

Reported out of committee and died

461-Relating to a junior college in Mount Vernon

Reported out of committee and died

474-Authorizing the purchase of boats by the Department of Fisheries

Signed by Governor Wallgren

**(1949 session)**

212-Authorizing highway approaches to Western Washington College of Education

Reported out of committee and died

335-Relating to exchange of lobsters for crabs

Went to third reading

**House Joint Resolutions sponsored:**

**(1937 session)**

10-Relating to an amendment of the constitution of the State of Washington by adding thereto

Article XXVIII

Passed

**(1943 session)**

12-Relating to Columbia River Fisheries

Went to second reading

**House Joint Memorials sponsored:**

**(1937 session)**

25-Inviting President Roosevelt to spend his vacations on Puget Sound

Passed

**House Concurrent Resolutions**

**(1949 session)**

9-Appointing an interim committee on fisheries

Passed

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- San Juan County Democratic chair, n.d.
- Board of Trustees of Western Washington State College, n.d.

**Sources:**

Articles:

- “Women Lawmakers in 1935 Session,” *Legislative Counsellor*, Women’s Legislative Council of Washington, January-February 1935
- “Ex-Legislator Dies,” *Daily Olympian*, June 5, 1964