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HOUSE BILL 1140

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By Representatives Peery, H. Myers and Basich.

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1            AN ACT Relating to county sheriff civil service systems; amending  
2 RCW 41.14.030; and adding a new section to chapter 41.14 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.14.030 and 1959 c 1 s 3 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6            There is created in each county and in each combination of  
7 counties, combined pursuant to RCW 41.14.040 to carry out the  
8 provisions of this chapter, a civil service commission which shall be  
9 composed of three persons. The commission members shall be appointed  
10 by the board of county commissioners, or boards of county commissioners  
11 of each combination of counties, within sixty days after December 4,  
12 1958. No person shall be appointed to the commission who is not a  
13 citizen of the United States, a resident of the county, or one of the  
14 counties combined, for at least two years immediately preceding his or

1 her appointment, and an elector of the county wherein he or she  
2 resides. The term of office of the commissioners shall be six years,  
3 except that the first three members of the commission shall be  
4 appointed for different terms, as follows: One to serve for a period  
5 of two years, one to serve for a period of four years, and one to serve  
6 for a period of six years. Any member of the commission may be removed  
7 from office for incompetency, incompatibility, or dereliction of duty,  
8 or malfeasance in office, or other good cause: PROVIDED, That no  
9 member of the commission shall be removed until charges have been  
10 preferred, in writing, due notice, and a full hearing had. Any vacancy  
11 in the commission shall be filled by the county commissioners for the  
12 unexpired term. Two members of the commission shall constitute a  
13 quorum and the votes of any two members concurring shall be sufficient  
14 for the decision of all matters and the transaction of all business to  
15 be decided or transacted by the commission. Confirmation of the  
16 appointment of commissioners by any legislative body shall not be  
17 required. At the time of appointment not more than two commissioners  
18 shall be adherents of the same political party. No member after  
19 appointment shall hold any salaried public office or engage in county  
20 employment, other than his or her commission duties. (~~The members of~~  
21 ~~the commission shall serve without compensation.~~)

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.14 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 The county legislative authority of any county, or the county  
25 legislative authorities of any combination of counties under RCW  
26 41.14.040, may provide compensation for the members of the commission  
27 of not to exceed fifty dollars per day for attending commission  
28 meetings and performing other commission work.