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D. Schmidt, Robertson, Hymes, Talcott and Scott

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Operations.

1 AN ACT Relating to metropolitan park districts; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 35.61 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.61 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Before the filing period for the next park district election in a  
7 metropolitan park district in a county with a population of five  
8 hundred thousand or more, the current board of commissioners for the  
9 park district shall divide the district into five electoral districts  
10 so that each electoral district shall comprise as nearly as possible  
11 one-fifth of the population of the metropolitan park district. The  
12 lines of the electoral districts shall be changed not more than once  
13 every five years and only by a vote of a majority of the entire  
14 membership of the board of commissioners. The electoral districts  
15 shall be designated as districts numbered one, two, three, four, and  
16 five, with terms to be staggered as provided in RCW 35.61.050. At the  
17 first park district election, a primary and a general election shall be  
18 held in all five electoral districts, with the terms to be staggered as

1 provided in RCW 35.61.050. One commissioner shall be elected from each  
2 electoral district.

3 Electoral districts shall be used as follows: (a) Only a  
4 registered voter who resides in an electoral district may be a  
5 candidate for, or hold office as, a commissioner of the park district  
6 from that electoral district; and (b) only the voters of an electoral  
7 district may vote at a primary to nominate candidates for a  
8 commissioner of the park district from that electoral district. Only  
9 voters of the electoral district may vote at a general election to  
10 elect a person as a commissioner of the park district from that  
11 electoral district.

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