
HOUSE BILL 1216

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership qualification for the transportation
2 commission; and amending RCW 47.01.051.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.051 and 1977 ex.s. c 151 s 5 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 There is hereby created a transportation commission, which shall
7 consist of seven members appointed by the governor, with the consent of
8 the senate(~~(. The present five members of the highway commission shall~~
9 ~~serve as five initial members of the transportation commission until~~
10 ~~their terms of office as highway commission members would have expired.~~
11 ~~The additional two members provided herein for the transportation~~
12 ~~commission shall be appointed for initial terms to expire on June 30,~~
13 ~~1982, and June 30, 1983. Thereafter all terms shall be)), for terms of
14 six years. No elective state official or state officer or state
15 employee shall be a member of the commission, and not more than four~~

1 members of the commission shall at the time of appointment or
2 thereafter during their respective terms of office be members of the
3 same major political party. (~~At the time of appointment or thereafter~~
4 ~~during their respective terms of office, four members of the commission~~
5 ~~shall reside in the western part of the state and three members shall~~
6 ~~reside in the eastern part of the state as divided north and south by~~
7 ~~the summit of the Cascade mountains.)) No more than two members of the
8 commission shall reside in the same county. Commissioners shall not be
9 removed from office by the governor before the expiration of their
10 terms unless for a disqualifying change of residence or for cause based
11 upon a determination of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or
12 malfeasance in office by the superior court of the state of Washington
13 in and for Thurston county upon petition and show cause proceedings
14 duly brought therefor in said court and directed to the commissioner in
15 question. No member shall be appointed for more than two consecutive
16 terms.~~