SENATE BILL 5979

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By Senator Metcalf.

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the wildlife commission; and amending RCW
- 2 77.04.030.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 77.04.030 and 1987 c 506 s 5 are each amended to read
- 5 as follows:
- 6 The state wildlife commission consists of six registered voters of
- 7 the state. ((In January of each odd-numbered year,)) The governor
- 8 shall appoint with the advice and consent of the senate ((two)) six
- 9 registered voters to the commission to serve for terms of six years
- 10 from ((that January or until their successors are appointed and
- 11 qualified)) the date of their appointment. If a vacancy occurs on the
- 12 commission prior to the expiration of a term, the governor shall
- 13 appoint a registered voter within sixty days ((to complete the term)),
- 14 who shall serve a term of six years from the date of appointment. No
- 15 person, having previously served upon the commission, shall be eligible

- 1 to be appointed to the commission, nor may a member of the commission
- 2 serve beyond the expiration of his or her term. If the governor fails
- 3 to make an appointment to the commission within sixty days of the
- 4 expiration of a commissioner's term or within sixty days of the
- 5 occurrence of a vacancy upon the commission, the remaining members of
- 6 the commission, before conducting any other business, shall fill the
- 7 <u>vacancy</u>. Three members shall be residents of that portion of the state
- 8 lying east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three shall be
- 9 residents of that portion of the state lying west of the summit of the
- 10 Cascade mountains. No two members may be residents of the same county.
- 11 The legal office of the commission is at the administrative office of
- 12 the department in Olympia.