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By Representatives Chappell, Cothorn and Thomas; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to election of regional committee members; and
2 amending RCW 28A.315.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.315.060 and 1990 c 33 s 295 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The members of each regional committee shall be elected in the
7 following manner:

8 (1) On or before the 25th day of September, (~~1986~~) 1992, and not
9 later than the 25th day of September of every subsequent even-numbered
10 year, each superintendent of an educational service district shall call
11 an election to be held in each educational service district within
12 which resides a member of a regional committee whose term of office
13 expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give
14 written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each
15 school district in the educational service district. Such notice shall
16 include instructions, and the rules and regulations established by the
17 state board of education for the conduct of the election. The state
18 board of education is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to
19 chapter 34.05 RCW which establish standards and procedures which the

1 state board deems necessary to conduct elections pursuant to this
2 section; to conduct run-off elections in the event an election for a
3 position is indecisive; and to decide run-off elections which result in
4 tie votes, in a fair and orderly manner.

5 (2) Candidates for membership on a regional committee shall file a
6 declaration of candidacy with the superintendent of the educational
7 service district wherein they reside. Declarations of candidacy may be
8 filed by person or by mail not earlier than the 1st day of October, and
9 not later than the 15th day of October of each even-numbered year. The
10 superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not
11 on file in his or her office or not postmarked before the 16th day of
12 October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if
13 received by mail after the 20th day of October of each even-numbered
14 year.

15 (3) Each member of the regional committee shall be elected by a
16 majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position by the
17 members of the boards of directors of school districts in the
18 educational service district. All votes shall be cast by mail ballot
19 addressed to the superintendent of the educational service district
20 wherein the school director resides. No votes shall be accepted for
21 counting if postmarked after the 16th day of November or if not
22 postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after
23 the 21st day of November of each even-numbered year. An election board
24 comprised of three persons appointed by the board of the educational
25 service district shall count and tally the votes not later than the
26 25th day of November or the next business day if the 25th falls on a
27 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday of each even-numbered year. Each
28 vote cast by a school director shall be recorded as one vote. Within
29 ten days following the count of votes, the educational service district
30 superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public
31 instruction the name or names of the person(s) elected to be members of
32 the regional committee.

33 (4) In the event of a change in the number of educational service
34 districts or in the number of educational service district board
35 members pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW a new regional committee shall
36 be elected for each affected educational service district at the next
37 annual election conducted pursuant to this section. Those persons who
38 were serving on a regional committee within an educational service
39 district affected by a change in the number of districts or board

1 members shall continue to constitute the regional committee for the
2 educational service district within which they are registered to vote
3 until the majority of a new board has been elected and certified.

4 (5) No member of a regional committee shall continue to serve
5 thereon if he or she ceases to be a registered voter of the educational
6 service district board member district or if he or she is absent from
7 three consecutive meetings of the committee without an excuse
8 acceptable to the committee.

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