
HOUSE BILL 2530

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By Representative Mastin

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership of the conservation commission; and
2 amending RCW 89.08.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 89.08.030 and 1987 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There is hereby established to serve as an agency of the state and
7 to perform the functions conferred upon it by law, the state
8 conservation commission, which shall succeed to all powers, duties and
9 property of the state soil and water conservation committee.

10 The commission shall consist of (~~ten~~) twelve members, five of
11 whom are ex officio. (~~Two~~) Three members shall be appointed by the
12 governor, one of whom shall be a landowner or operator of a farm and
13 one of whom shall represent Indian tribes. At least two of the three
14 elected members shall be landowners or operators of a farm and shall be
15 elected as herein provided. The appointed members shall serve for a
16 term of four years.

17 The three elected members shall be elected for three-year terms,
18 one shall be elected each year by the district supervisors at their
19 annual state-wide meeting. One of the members shall reside in eastern

1 Washington, one in central Washington and one in western Washington,
2 the specific boundaries to be determined by district supervisors. At
3 the first such election, the term of the member from western Washington
4 shall be one year, central Washington two years and eastern Washington
5 three years, and successors shall be elected for three years.

6 Unexpired term vacancies in the office of appointed commission
7 members shall be filled by appointment by the governor in the same
8 manner as full-term appointments. Unexpired terms of elected
9 commission members shall be filled by the regional vice president of
10 the Washington association of conservation districts who is serving
11 that part of the state where the vacancy occurs, such term to continue
12 only until district supervisors can fill the unexpired term by electing
13 the commission member.

14 The director of the department of ecology, the director of the
15 department of agriculture, the commissioner of public lands, the
16 secretary of transportation, the president of the Washington
17 association of conservation districts, and the dean of the college of
18 agriculture at Washington State University shall be ex officio members
19 of the commission. An ex officio member of the commission shall hold
20 office so long as he or she retains the office by virtue of which he or
21 she is a member of the commission. Ex officio members may delegate
22 their authority.

23 The commission may invite appropriate officers of cooperating
24 organizations, state and federal agencies to serve as advisers to the
25 conservation commission.

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