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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives McMorris and Wood)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding membership of the electrical board;
2 and amending RCW 19.28.065.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.065 and 1988 c 81 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created an electrical board, consisting of
7 ~~((ten))~~ twelve members to be appointed by the governor with the advice
8 of the director of labor and industries as herein provided. It shall
9 be the purpose and function of the board to advise the director on all
10 matters pertaining to the enforcement of this chapter including, but
11 not limited to standards of electrical installation, minimum inspection
12 procedures, and the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the
13 electrical inspection division: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no rules or
14 regulations shall be amended or repealed until the electrical board has
15 first had an opportunity to consider any proposed amendments or repeals
16 and had an opportunity to make recommendations to the director relative
17 thereto.

18 (2) The members of the electrical board shall be selected and
19 appointed as follows:

1 (a) One member shall be an employee or officer of a corporation or
2 public agency generating or distributing electric power;

3 (b) Three members shall be licensed electrical contractors~~((+
4 PROVIDED, That))~~. However, one of these members may be a
5 representative of a trade association in the electrical industry;

6 (c) One member shall be an employee, or officer, or representative
7 of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of manufacturing or
8 distributing electrical materials, equipment, or devices;

9 (d) One member shall be a person with knowledge of the electrical
10 industry, not related to the electrical industry, to represent the
11 public;

12 (e) Three members shall be certified electricians; ((and))

13 (f) One member shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer
14 qualified to do business in the state of Washington;

15 (g) One member shall be an officer of an industrial manufacturer
16 that employs plant electricians and takes utility electrical service at
17 primary or transmission voltages; and

18 (h) One member shall be a building official from a city or town
19 that conducts electrical inspections and enforces the provisions of
20 this chapter pursuant to local ordinance. The first term of the member
21 representing building officials shall be three years.

22 (3) The regular term of each member shall be four years~~((+
23 PROVIDED, HOWEVER,))~~. The original board shall be appointed on June
24 9, 1988~~((, for the following terms:))~~. The first term of the member
25 representing a corporation or public agency generating or distributing
26 electric power shall serve four years; two members representing
27 licensed electrical contractors shall serve three years; the member
28 representing a manufacturer or distributor of electrical equipment or
29 devices shall serve three years; the member representing the public and
30 one member representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve two
31 years; the three members selected as certified electricians shall serve
32 for terms of one, two, and three years, respectively; the member
33 selected as the licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve
34 for one year. In appointing the original board, the governor shall
35 give due consideration to the value of continuity in membership from
36 predecessor boards. ~~((Thereafter,))~~

37 (4) The governor shall appoint or reappoint board members for terms
38 of four years and to fill vacancies created by the completion of the
39 terms of the original members. The governor shall also fill vacancies

1 caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the unexpired term of
2 such members by appointing their successors from the same business
3 classification. The same procedure shall be followed in making such
4 subsequent appointments as is provided for the original appointments.

5 (5) The board, at ~~((this))~~ its first meeting after the effective
6 date of this act shall elect one of its members to serve as
7 ~~((chairman))~~ chair. Any person acting as the chief electrical
8 inspector shall ~~((serve as secretary of))~~ provide staff assistance to
9 the board during his or her tenure as chief state inspector. Meetings
10 of the board shall be held at least quarterly in accordance with a
11 schedule established by the board. Each member of the board shall
12 receive compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be
13 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
14 43.03.060 which shall be paid out of the electrical license fund, upon
15 vouchers approved by the director ~~((of labor and industries))~~.

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