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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6736

State of Washington 55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Oke)

Read first time 02/06/98.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to the composition of the fish and wildlife
- 2 commission; and amending RCW 77.04.030.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.030 and 1994 c 264 s 52 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered voters
- 7 of the state. In January of each odd-numbered year, the governor shall
- 8 appoint with the advice and consent of the senate two registered voters
- 9 to the commission to serve for terms of six years from that January or
- 10 until their successors are appointed and qualified. If a vacancy
- 11 occurs on the commission prior to the expiration of a term, the
- 12 governor shall appoint a registered voter within sixty days to complete
- 13 the term. Three members shall be residents of that portion of the
- 14 state lying east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three
- 15 shall be residents of that portion of the state lying west of the
- 16 summit of the Cascade mountains. None of the three eastern
- 17 commissioners or the three western commissioners may be residents of
- 18 the same county. Three additional members shall be appointed at-large
- 19 effective July 1, 1993; one of whom shall serve a one and one-half year

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term to end December 31, 1994; one of whom shall serve a three and onehalf year term to end December 31, 1996; and one of whom shall serve a 2 3 five and one-half year term to end December 31, 1998. At-large 4 commissioners may be residents of any county. Thereafter all members are to serve a six-year term. ((No two members may be residents of the 5 same county.)) None of the at-large commissioners may serve in any 6 capacity on the fish and wildlife commission unless confirmed by a 7 8 majority vote of the senate natural resources and parks committee and 9 the senate as a whole. The legal office of the commission is at the 10 administrative office of the department in Olympia.

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