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HOUSE BILL 1413

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By Representatives McMorris, Romero, Dunshee, Campbell, Haigh, D. Schmidt, Miloscia and Lambert; by request of Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials

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1 AN ACT Relating to the terms of members of the Washington citizens'  
2 commission on salaries for elected officials; and amending RCW  
3 43.03.305.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.305 and 1995 c 3 s 1 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 There is created a commission to be known as the Washington  
8 citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials, to consist of  
9 sixteen members appointed by the governor as provided in this section.

10 (1) Nine of the sixteen commission members shall be selected by lot  
11 by the secretary of state from among those registered voters eligible  
12 to vote at the time persons are selected for appointment to full terms  
13 on the commission under subsection (3) of this section. One member  
14 shall be selected from each congressional district. The secretary  
15 shall establish policies and procedures for conducting the selection by  
16 lot. The policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to,  
17 those for notifying persons selected and for providing a new selection  
18 from a congressional district if a person selected from the district  
19 declines appointment to the commission or if, following the person's

1 appointment, the person's position on the commission becomes vacant  
2 before the end of the person's term of office.

3 (2) The remaining seven of the sixteen commission members, all  
4 residents of this state, shall be selected jointly by the speaker of  
5 the house of representatives and the president of the senate. The  
6 persons selected under this subsection shall have had experience in the  
7 field of personnel management. Of these seven members, one shall be  
8 selected from each of the following five sectors in this state:  
9 Private institutions of higher education; business; professional  
10 personnel management; legal profession; and organized labor. Of the  
11 two remaining members, one shall be a person recommended to the speaker  
12 and the president by the chair of the Washington personnel resources  
13 board and one shall be a person recommended by majority vote of the  
14 presidents of the state's four-year institutions of higher education.

15 (3) The secretary of state shall forward the names of persons  
16 selected under subsection (1) of this section and the speaker of the  
17 house of representatives and president of the senate shall forward the  
18 names of persons selected under subsection (2) of this section to the  
19 governor who shall appoint these persons to the commission. Except as  
20 provided in subsection (6) of this section, the names of persons  
21 selected for appointment to the commission shall be forwarded to the  
22 governor not later than February 15, 1987, and not later than the  
23 fifteenth day of February every four years (~~thereafter~~) through 1999.  
24 The terms of the members selected in 1999 shall terminate July 1, 2002,  
25 and the names of persons selected for appointment to the commission  
26 shall be forwarded to the governor not later than July 1, 2002. Of the  
27 sixteen names forwarded to the governor in 2002, the governor shall by  
28 lot select four of the persons selected under subsection (1) of this  
29 section and four of the persons selected under subsection (2) of this  
30 section to serve two-year terms, with the rest of the members serving  
31 four-year terms. Thereafter, except as provided in subsection (6) of  
32 this section, all members shall serve four-year terms and the names of  
33 eight persons selected for appointment to the commission shall be  
34 forwarded to the governor not later than the first day of July every  
35 two years.

36 (4) (~~Members shall hold office for terms of four years, and~~) No  
37 person may be appointed to more than two (~~such~~) terms. No member of  
38 the commission may be removed by the governor during his or her term of

1 office unless for cause of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty,  
2 or malfeasance in office or for a disqualifying change of residence.

3 The unexcused absence of any person who is a member of the  
4 commission from two consecutive meetings of the commission shall  
5 constitute the relinquishment of that person's membership on the  
6 commission. Such a relinquishment creates a vacancy in that person's  
7 position on the commission. A member's absence may be excused by the  
8 chair of the commission upon the member's written request if the chair  
9 believes there is just cause for the absence. Such a request must be  
10 received by the chair before the meeting for which the absence is to be  
11 excused. A member's absence from a meeting of the commission may also  
12 be excused during the meeting for which the member is absent by the  
13 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the commission present  
14 at the meeting.

15 (5) No state official, public employee, or lobbyist, or immediate  
16 family member of the official, employee, or lobbyist, subject to the  
17 registration requirements of chapter 42.17 RCW is eligible for  
18 membership on the commission.

19 As used in this subsection the phrase "immediate family" means the  
20 parents, spouse, siblings, children, or dependent relative of the  
21 official, employee, or lobbyist whether or not living in the household  
22 of the official, employee, or lobbyist.

23 (6) Upon a vacancy in any position on the commission, a successor  
24 shall be selected and appointed to fill the unexpired term. The  
25 selection and appointment shall be concluded within thirty days of the  
26 date the position becomes vacant and shall be conducted in the same  
27 manner as originally provided.

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