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SENATE BILL 5488

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By Senators Fairley, Kline and Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding membership of the electrical board by  
2 appointment of one outside line worker; amending RCW 19.28.065; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

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

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15 regulations shall be amended or repealed until the electrical board has  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

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

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

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

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

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

14       (e) Three members shall be certified electricians; ~~((and))~~

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

17       (g) One member shall be an outside line worker.

18       (3) The regular term of each member shall be four years~~((+  
19 PROVIDED, HOWEVER,))~~. The original board shall be appointed on June  
20 9, 1988~~((, for the following terms:))~~. The first term of the member  
21 representing a corporation or public agency generating or distributing  
22 electric power shall serve four years; two members representing  
23 licensed electrical contractors shall serve three years; the member  
24 representing a manufacturer or distributor of electrical equipment or  
25 devices shall serve three years; the member representing the public and  
26 one member representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve two  
27 years; the three members selected as certified electricians shall serve  
28 for terms of one, two, and three years, respectively; the member  
29 selected as the licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve  
30 for one year. The first term for the member representing outside line  
31 workers is for four years. In appointing the original board, the  
32 governor shall give due consideration to the value of continuity in  
33 membership from predecessor boards. ~~((Thereafter,))~~

34       (4) The governor shall appoint or reappoint board members for terms  
35 of four years and to fill vacancies created by the completion of the  
36 terms of the original members. The governor shall also fill vacancies  
37 caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the unexpired term of  
38 such members by appointing their successors from the same business

1 classification. The same procedure shall be followed in making such  
2 subsequent appointments as is provided for the original appointments.

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor shall appoint the member  
15 representing outside line workers within ninety days after the  
16 effective date of this act.

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