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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1019

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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Pennington, Hatfield, Mielke and Ogden)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the fish and wildlife commission; and
- 2 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 2000 c 107 s 203 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- 6 The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered
- 7 voters of the state appointed by the governor with the advice and
- 8 consent of the senate. In January of each odd-numbered year, the
- 9 governor shall appoint ((with the advice and consent of the
- 10 senate)) two registered voters to the commission to serve for
- 11 terms of six years from that January or until their successors are
- 12 appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs on the commission
- 13 prior to the expiration of a term, the governor shall appoint a
- 14 registered voter within sixty days to complete the term. ((Three
- 15 members shall be residents of that portion of the state lying east
- 16 of the summit of the Cascade mountains, and three shall be
- 17 residents of that portion of the state lying west of the summit of
- 18 the Cascade mountains.)) Six members shall be appointed to

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- 1 represent the six administrative regions of the department as they
- 2 <u>existed on January 1, 2001, with each of these members</u>
- 3 representing a different administrative region. The department
- 4 shall adopt the six administrative regions by rule. A member
- 5 representing an administrative region of the department must be a
- 6 <u>resident of that region</u>. The governor shall appoint commissioners
- 7 to achieve this balance by administrative region as the terms of
- 8 <u>commissioners expire and vacancies occur.</u> Three additional members
- 9 shall be appointed at-large. All members are to serve a six-year
- 10 term. No two members may be residents of the same county. The
- 11 legal office of the commission is at the administrative office of
- 12 the department in Olympia.

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