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HOUSE BILL 1019

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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.

State of Washington

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

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