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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5248**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions  
(originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Fairley and B. Sheldon)

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1       AN ACT Relating to expanding membership of the electrical board  
2 by appointment of one outside line worker; amending RCW 19.28.311;  
3 and creating a new section.

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

5       **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.28.311 and 2000 c 238 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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16 amended or repealed until the electrical board has first had an  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

1 thereto. The members of the electrical board shall be selected and  
2 appointed as follows: One member shall be an employee or officer of  
3 a corporation or public agency generating or distributing electric  
4 power; one member must be an employee or officer of a facilities-  
5 based telecommunications service provider regulated by the  
6 Washington state utilities and transportation commission; three  
7 members shall be licensed electrical contractors: PROVIDED, That  
8 one of these members may be a representative of a trade  
9 association in the electrical industry; one member shall be a  
10 licensed telecommunications contractor; one member shall be an  
11 employee, or officer, or representative of a corporation or firm  
12 engaged in the business of manufacturing or distributing  
13 electrical and telecommunications materials, equipment, or  
14 devices; one member shall be a person with knowledge of the  
15 electrical industry, not related to the electrical industry, to  
16 represent the public; three members shall be certified  
17 electricians; one member shall be a telecommunications worker; one  
18 member shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer  
19 qualified to do business in the state of Washington and designated  
20 as a registered communications distribution designer; one member  
21 shall be either a cable worker or an outside line worker; and one  
22 nonvoting member must be a building official from an incorporated  
23 city or town with an electrical inspection program established  
24 under RCW 19.28.141. The regular term of each member shall be four  
25 years: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, The original board shall be appointed on  
26 June 9, 1988, for the following terms: The first term of the member  
27 representing a corporation or public agency generating or  
28 distributing electric power shall serve four years; two members  
29 representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve three  
30 years; the member representing a manufacturer or distributor of  
31 electrical equipment or devices shall serve three years; the  
32 member representing the public and one member representing  
33 licensed electrical contractors shall serve two years; the three  
34 members selected as certified electricians shall serve for terms  
35 of one, two, and three years, respectively; the member selected as  
36 the licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve for one  
37 year. The first term for the member representing outside line or  
38 cable workers is for four years. In appointing the original

1 board, the governor shall give due consideration to the value of  
2 continuity in membership from predecessor boards. Thereafter, the  
3 governor shall appoint or reappoint board members for terms of  
4 four years and to fill vacancies created by the completion of the  
5 terms of the original members. When new positions are created, the  
6 governor may appoint the initial members to the new positions to  
7 staggered terms of one to three years. The governor shall also fill  
8 vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the  
9 unexpired term of such members by appointing their successors from  
10 the same business classification. The same procedure shall be  
11 followed in making such subsequent appointments as is provided for  
12 the original appointments. The board, at this first meeting shall  
13 elect one of its members to serve as chairman. Any person acting as  
14 the chief electrical inspector shall serve as secretary of the  
15 board during his or her tenure as chief state inspector. Meetings  
16 of the board shall be held at least quarterly in accordance with a  
17 schedule established by the board. Each member of the board shall  
18 receive compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be  
19 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050  
20 and 43.03.060 which shall be paid out of the electrical license  
21 fund, upon vouchers approved by the director of labor and  
22 industries.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor shall appoint the member  
24 representing outside line or cable workers within ninety days  
25 after the effective date of this act.

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