
SENATE BILL 6296

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By Senators Snyder, West, Horn, Carlson and T. Sheldon; by request of Attorney General and Redistricting Commission

READ FIRST TIME 01/14/02. UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES, READ SECOND AND THIRD TIMES AND PASSED.

1 AN ACT Relating to the timeline for submission of a redistricting
2 plan by the redistricting commission; amending RCW 44.05.100; creating
3 a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.100 and 1995 c 88 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Upon approval of a redistricting plan by three of the voting
8 members of the commission, but not later than (~~December 15th~~) January
9 1st of the year ending in (~~one~~) two, the commission shall submit the
10 plan to the legislature.

11 (2) After submission of the plan by the commission, the legislature
12 shall have the next thirty days during any regular or special session
13 to amend the commission's plan. If the legislature amends the
14 commission's plan the legislature's amendment must be approved by an
15 affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or
16 appointed thereto, and may not include more than two percent of the
17 population of any legislative or congressional district.

18 (3) The plan approved by the commission, with any amendment
19 approved by the legislature, shall be final upon approval of such

1 amendment or after expiration of the time provided for legislative
2 amendment by subsection (2) of this section whichever occurs first, and
3 shall constitute the districting law applicable to this state for
4 legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the next
5 elections held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in force
6 until the effective date of the plan based upon the next succeeding
7 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as
8 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

9 (4) If three of the voting members of the commission fail to
10 approve and submit a plan within the time limitations provided in
11 subsection (1) of this section, the supreme court shall adopt a plan by
12 March 1st of the year ending in two. Any such plan approved by the
13 court is final and constitutes the districting law applicable to this
14 state for legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the
15 next election held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in
16 force until the effective date of the plan based on the next succeeding
17 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as
18 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is remedial and curative in nature
20 and applies retroactively to any plan or portion of a plan submitted to
21 the legislature by the redistricting commission established in 2001.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
25 immediately.

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