
SENATE BILL 5157

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By Senators Morton, Rasmussen, Hewitt, Mulliken and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for appointment to the veterinary
2 board of governors; and amending RCW 18.92.021.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.92.021 and 1983 c 2 s 2 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) There is created a Washington state veterinary board of
7 governors consisting of six members, five of whom shall be licensed
8 veterinarians, and one of whom shall be a lay member.

9 (2) The licensed members shall be appointed by the governor. At
10 the time of their appointment the licensed members of the board must be
11 actual residents of the state in active practice as licensed
12 practitioners of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry and must
13 be citizens of the United States. Not more than one licensed member
14 shall be from the same congressional district. At least two licensed
15 members shall be from eastern Washington. At least one licensed member
16 shall be in active practice with a substantial focus on large animal
17 veterinary medicine. The board shall not be deemed to be unlawfully
18 constituted and a member of the board shall not be deemed ineligible to

1 serve the remainder of the member's unexpired term on the board solely
2 by reason of the establishment of new or revised boundaries for
3 congressional districts.

4 The terms of the first licensed members of the board shall be as
5 follows: One member for five, four, three, two, and one years
6 respectively. Thereafter the terms shall be for five years and until
7 their successors are appointed and qualified.

8 (3) The lay member shall be appointed by the governor for a five
9 year term and until the lay member's successor is appointed.

10 (4) A member may be appointed to serve a second term, if that term
11 does not run consecutively. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by
12 the governor, the appointee to hold office for the remainder of the
13 unexpired term.

14 (5) Officers of the board shall be a chairman and a secretary-
15 treasurer to be chosen by the members of the board from among its
16 members.

17 (6) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings
18 of the board.

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