
SENATE BILL 6547

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1 AN ACT Relating to adding to the electrical board one
2 representative of each of the following: Outside journeyman lineman,
3 industrial electricians, owners or managers of appliance repair
4 contractors, and owners or managers of heating, ventilation, and air
5 conditioning contractors; and amending RCW 19.28.311.

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

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

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 No rules shall be amended or repealed until the electrical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

1 or repeals and had an opportunity to make recommendations to the
2 director relative thereto.

3 (2) The members of the electrical board shall be selected and
4 appointed as follows:

5 (a) One member shall be an employee or officer of a corporation or
6 public agency generating or distributing electric power;

7 (b) One member must be an employee or officer of a facilities-based
8 telecommunications service provider regulated by the Washington state
9 utilities and transportation commission;

10 (c) Three members shall be licensed electrical contractors(~~(+~~
11 ~~PROVIDED, That))~~). However, one of these members may be a
12 representative of a trade association in the electrical industry;

13 (d) One member shall be a licensed telecommunications contractor;

14 (e) One member shall be an employee, or officer, or representative
15 of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of manufacturing or
16 distributing electrical and telecommunications materials, equipment, or
17 devices;

18 (f) One member shall be a person with knowledge of the electrical
19 industry, not related to the electrical industry, to represent the
20 public;

21 ~~((three))~~ (g) Four members shall be certified electricians, and at
22 least one of these members shall be an outside journeyman lineman;

23 (h) One member shall be a telecommunications worker;

24 (i) One member shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer
25 qualified to do business in the state of Washington and designated as
26 a registered communications distribution designer;

27 (j) One member shall be an officer, or management representative,
28 of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of appliance repair;

29 (k) One member shall be an officer, or management representative,
30 of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of installing heating,
31 ventilation, and air conditioning systems or equipment;

32 (l) One member shall be a representative of industrial
33 manufacturers that use industrial electricians; and

34 (m) One nonvoting member must be a building official from an
35 incorporated city or town with an electrical inspection program
36 established under RCW 19.28.141.

37 (3) The regular term of each member shall be four years: PROVIDED,
38 HOWEVER, The original board shall be appointed on June 9, 1988, for the

1 following terms: The first term of the member representing a
2 corporation or public agency generating or distributing electric power
3 shall serve four years; two members representing licensed electrical
4 contractors shall serve three years; the member representing a
5 manufacturer or distributor of electrical equipment or devices shall
6 serve three years; the member representing the public and one member
7 representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve two years; the
8 three members selected as certified electricians shall serve for terms
9 of one, two, and three years, respectively; the member selected as the
10 licensed professional electrical engineer shall serve for one year. In
11 appointing the original board, the governor shall give due
12 consideration to the value of continuity in membership from predecessor
13 boards. Thereafter, the governor shall appoint or reappoint board
14 members for terms of four years and to fill vacancies created by the
15 completion of the terms of the original members. When new positions
16 are created, the governor may appoint the initial members to the new
17 positions to staggered terms of one to three years. The governor shall
18 also fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise for the
19 unexpired term of such members by appointing their successors from the
20 same business classification. The same procedure shall be followed in
21 making such subsequent appointments as is provided for the original
22 appointments. The board, at this first meeting shall elect one of its
23 members to serve as (~~chairman~~) chair. Any person acting as the chief
24 electrical inspector shall serve as secretary of the board during his
25 or her tenure as chief state inspector.

26 (4) Meetings of the board shall be held at least quarterly in
27 accordance with a schedule established by the board. Each member of
28 the board shall receive compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240
29 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
30 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 which shall be paid out of the electrical
31 license fund, upon vouchers approved by the director of labor and
32 industries.

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