
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1477

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by
Representatives Kagi and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 03/04/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to homeowners' associations; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The homeowners' association act
5 committee is created. The purpose of the committee is to review the
6 homeowners' association act, chapter 64.38 RCW, the uniform common
7 interest ownership act, and current issues concerning homeowners'
8 associations as defined in RCW 64.38.010 including, without limitation,
9 the method and manner of amending restrictive covenants, voting,
10 communications between homeowners' association boards and association
11 members, the budget ratification process, and potential conflicts
12 between the homeowners' association act and other laws that may be
13 applicable to the organizational form of the association.

14 (2) The committee shall consist of the following ten members:

15 (a) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
16 senate, one of the majority party and one of the minority party;

17 (b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
18 speaker of the house of representatives, one of the majority party and
19 one of the minority party; and

1 (c) The following six members appointed by the governor:
2 (i) A representative of the Washington state chapter of the
3 community associations institute;
4 (ii) A representative of the Washington homeowners' coalition;
5 (iii) A representative of the residential development industry;
6 (iv) A lawyer experienced in representing the interests of
7 homeowners' associations in their dealings with homeowners;
8 (v) A lawyer experienced in representing the interests of
9 homeowners in their dealings with the boards of homeowners'
10 associations; and
11 (vi) A person, who shall serve as the chair of the committee, who
12 has expertise in homeowners' association law.
13 (3) Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
14 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
15 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
16 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
17 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
18 (4) The committee shall examine the issues referenced in subsection
19 (1) of this section and whether any changes should be made to the
20 homeowners' association act. The committee shall deliver a report of
21 its findings and conclusions and any proposed implementing legislation
22 to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
23 representatives not later than December 31, 2005.

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