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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5462

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By Senators McCaslin and Kastama

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1 AN ACT Relating to terms of members of ethics boards; and amending  
2 RCW 42.52.350 and 42.52.310.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.52.350 and 1994 c 154 s 205 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The executive ethics board is created, composed of five  
7 members, appointed by the governor as follows:

8 (a) One member shall be a classified service employee as defined in  
9 chapter 41.06 RCW;

10 (b) One member shall be a state officer or state employee in an  
11 exempt position;

12 (c) One member shall be a citizen selected from a list of three  
13 names submitted by the attorney general;

14 (d) One member shall be a citizen selected from a list of three  
15 names submitted by the state auditor; and

16 (e) One member shall be a citizen selected at large by the  
17 governor.

18 (2) Except for (~~initial members and~~) members completing partial

1 terms, members shall serve (~~(a single)~~) five-year terms. No member may  
2 serve more than two full terms.

3 (3) No more than three members may be identified with the same  
4 political party.

5 (~~((Terms of initial board members shall be staggered as follows:~~  
6 ~~One member shall be appointed to a one year term; one member shall be~~  
7 ~~appointed to a two year term; one member shall be appointed to a three~~  
8 ~~year term; one member shall be appointed to a four year term; and one~~  
9 ~~member shall be appointed to a five year term.~~

10 (+5)) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as  
11 the original appointment.

12 ((+6)) (5) Each member shall serve for the term of his or her  
13 appointment and until his or her successor is appointed.

14 ((+7)) (6) The members shall annually select a chair from among  
15 themselves.

16 ((+8)) (7) Staff shall be provided by the office of the attorney  
17 general.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 42.52.310 and 1994 c 154 s 201 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The legislative ethics board is created, composed of nine  
21 members, selected as follows:

22 (a) Two senators, one from each of the two largest caucuses,  
23 appointed by the president of the senate;

24 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each of  
25 the two largest caucuses, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
26 representatives;

27 (c) Five citizen members:

28 (i) One citizen member chosen by the governor from a list of three  
29 individuals submitted by each of the four legislative caucuses; and

30 (ii) One citizen member selected by three of the four other citizen  
31 members of the legislative ethics board.

32 (2) Except for (~~(initial members and)~~) members completing partial  
33 terms, nonlegislative members shall serve (~~(a single)~~) five-year terms.  
34 No nonlegislative member may serve more than two full terms.

35 (3) No more than three of the public members may be identified with  
36 the same political party.

1           (4) (~~Terms of initial nonlegislative board members shall be~~  
2 ~~staggered as follows: One member shall be appointed to a one year~~  
3 ~~term; one member shall be appointed to a two year term; one member~~  
4 ~~shall be appointed to a three year term; one member shall be appointed~~  
5 ~~to a four year term; and one member shall be appointed for a five year~~  
6 ~~term.~~

7           (5)) A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as  
8 the original appointment.

9           (~~(6)~~) (5) Legislative members shall serve two-year terms, from  
10 January 31st of an odd-numbered year until January 31st of the next  
11 odd-numbered year.

12           (~~(7)~~) (6) Each member shall serve for the term of his or her  
13 appointment and until his or her successor is appointed.

14           (~~(8)~~) (7) The citizen members shall annually select a chair from  
15 among themselves.

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