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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding membership of the electrical board by  
2 appointment of one outside line worker; amending RCW 19.28.311; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

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

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15 That no rules shall be amended or repealed until the electrical board  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

1 officer of a corporation or public agency generating or distributing  
2 electric power; one member must be an employee or officer of a  
3 facilities-based telecommunications service provider regulated by the  
4 Washington state utilities and transportation commission; three members  
5 shall be licensed electrical contractors: PROVIDED, That one of these  
6 members may be a representative of a trade association in the  
7 electrical industry; one member shall be a licensed telecommunications  
8 contractor; one member shall be an employee, or officer, or  
9 representative of a corporation or firm engaged in the business of  
10 manufacturing or distributing electrical and telecommunications  
11 materials, equipment, or devices; one member shall be a person with  
12 knowledge of the electrical industry, not related to the electrical  
13 industry, to represent the public; three members shall be certified  
14 electricians; one member shall be a telecommunications worker; one  
15 member shall be a licensed professional electrical engineer qualified  
16 to do business in the state of Washington and designated as a  
17 registered communications distribution designer; one member shall be an  
18 outside line worker; and one nonvoting member must be a building  
19 official from an incorporated city or town with an electrical  
20 inspection program established under RCW 19.28.141. The regular term  
21 of each member shall be four years: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, The original  
22 board shall be appointed on June 9, 1988, for the following terms: The  
23 first term of the member representing a corporation or public agency  
24 generating or distributing electric power shall serve four years; two  
25 members representing licensed electrical contractors shall serve three  
26 years; the member representing a manufacturer or distributor of  
27 electrical equipment or devices shall serve three years; the member  
28 representing the public and one member representing licensed electrical  
29 contractors shall serve two years; the three members selected as  
30 certified electricians shall serve for terms of one, two, and three  
31 years, respectively; the member selected as the licensed professional  
32 electrical engineer shall serve for one year. In appointing the  
33 original board, the governor shall give due consideration to the value  
34 of continuity in membership from predecessor boards. Thereafter, the  
35 governor shall appoint or reappoint board members for terms of four  
36 years and to fill vacancies created by the completion of the terms of  
37 the original members. When new positions are created, the governor may  
38 appoint the initial members to the new positions to staggered terms of

1 one to three years. The governor shall also fill vacancies caused by  
2 death, resignation, or otherwise for the unexpired term of such members  
3 by appointing their successors from the same business classification.  
4 The same procedure shall be followed in making such subsequent  
5 appointments as is provided for the original appointments. The board,  
6 at this first meeting shall elect one of its members to serve as  
7 chairman. Any person acting as the chief electrical inspector shall  
8 serve as secretary of the board during his or her tenure as chief state  
9 inspector. Meetings of the board shall be held at least quarterly in  
10 accordance with a schedule established by the board. Each member of  
11 the board shall receive compensation in accordance with RCW 43.03.240  
12 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
13 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 which shall be paid out of the electrical  
14 license fund, upon vouchers approved by the director of labor and  
15 industries.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor shall appoint the member  
17 representing outside line workers within ninety days after the  
18 effective date of this act.

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