
SENATE BILL 6275

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the forest practices board; and amending RCW
2 76.09.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 76.09.030 and 2003 c 39 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created the forest practices board of the state
7 of Washington as an agency of state government consisting of members as
8 follows:

9 (a) The commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's
10 designee;

11 ~~(b) ((The director of the department of community, trade, and
12 economic development or the director's designee;~~

13 ~~(c) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
14 designee;~~

15 ~~(d))~~ The director of the department of ecology or the director's
16 designee;

17 ~~((e))~~ (c) The director of the department of fish and wildlife or
18 the director's designee;

1 (~~(f)~~) (d) An elected member of a county legislative authority
2 appointed by the governor: PROVIDED, That such member's service on the
3 board shall be conditioned on the member's continued service as an
4 elected county official; and

5 (~~(g) Six~~) (e) Seven members of the general public appointed by
6 the governor, one of whom shall be (~~(an owner of not more than five~~
7 ~~hundred acres of forest land, and)~~) a fish biologist, one of whom shall
8 be (~~(an independent logging contractor)~~) a wildlife biologist, one of
9 whom shall be a representative of a landowner or forest products
10 company that is certified by the forest stewardship council, one of
11 whom shall be a representative of the tourism and outdoor recreation
12 industry, one of whom shall be an owner of less than two thousand acres
13 of forest land, one of whom shall be an owner of more than two thousand
14 acres of forest land, and one of whom shall be a member of an Indian
15 tribe with commercial forest land. Members serving on the board on the
16 effective date of this section must complete their term, and the
17 governor may reappoint any member who meets the qualifications of this
18 subsection (1)(e).

19 (2) The director of the department of fish and wildlife's service
20 on the board may be terminated two years after August 18, 1999, if the
21 legislature finds that after two years the department has not made
22 substantial progress toward integrating the laws, rules, and programs
23 governing forest practices, chapter 76.09 RCW, and the laws, rules, and
24 programs governing hydraulic projects, chapter 77.55 RCW. Such a
25 finding shall be based solely on whether the department of fish and
26 wildlife makes substantial progress as defined in this subsection, and
27 will not be based on other actions taken as a member of the board.
28 Substantial progress shall include recommendations to the legislature
29 for closer integration of the existing rule-making authorities of the
30 board and the department of fish and wildlife, and closer integration
31 of the forest practices and hydraulics permitting processes, including
32 exploring the potential for a consolidated permitting process. These
33 recommendations shall be designed to resolve problems currently
34 associated with the existing dual regulatory and permitting processes.

35 (3) The members of the (~~(initial)~~) board appointed by the governor
36 shall be appointed so that the term of one member shall expire December
37 31, (~~(1975)~~) 2007, the term of one member shall expire December 31,
38 (~~(1976)~~) 2008, the term of one member shall expire December 31,

1 ((1977)) 2009, ((the terms of two members shall expire December 31,
2 ~~1978~~)) and the terms of two members shall expire December 31, ((1979))
3 2010. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed for a term of four
4 years. Vacancies on the board shall be filled in the same manner as
5 the original appointments. Each member of the board shall continue in
6 office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. The
7 commissioner of public lands or the commissioner's designee shall be
8 the ((~~chairman~~)) chair of the board.

9 (4) The board shall meet at such times and places as shall be
10 designated by the ((~~chairman~~)) chair or upon the written request of the
11 majority of the board. The principal office of the board shall be at
12 the state capital.

13 (5) Members of the board, except public employees and elected
14 officials, shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.250. Each
15 member shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred
16 in the performance of their duties as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
17 43.03.060.

18 (6) The board may employ such clerical help and staff pursuant to
19 chapter 41.06 RCW as is necessary to carry out its duties.

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