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HOUSE BILL 1632

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By Representatives Roach and Strow

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1 AN ACT Relating to redistricting for nested legislative districts;  
2 and amending RCW 44.05.090 and 79A.05.510.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.090 and 1990 c 126 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 In the redistricting plan:

7 (1) Districts shall have a population as nearly equal as is  
8 practicable, excluding nonresident military personnel, based on the  
9 population reported in the federal decennial census.

10 (2) To the extent consistent with subsection (1) of this section  
11 the commission plan should, insofar as practical, accomplish the  
12 following:

13 (a) District lines should be drawn so as to coincide with the  
14 boundaries of local political subdivisions and areas recognized as  
15 communities of interest. The number of counties and municipalities  
16 divided among more than one district should be as small as possible;

17 (b) Districts should be composed of convenient, contiguous, and  
18 compact territory. Land areas may be deemed contiguous if they share  
19 a common land border or are connected by a ferry, highway, bridge, or

1 tunnel. Areas separated by geographical boundaries or artificial  
2 barriers that prevent transportation within a district should not be  
3 deemed contiguous; and

4 (c) Whenever practicable, a precinct shall be wholly within a  
5 single legislative district.

6 (3) The commission's plan and any plan adopted by the supreme court  
7 under RCW 44.05.100(4) shall provide for ~~((forty-nine legislative))~~  
8 thirty-three senate districts. The plan shall further provide for  
9 three house districts within each of the senate districts so that each  
10 house district shall comprise as nearly as possible one-third of the  
11 population of the senate district, for a total of ninety-nine house  
12 districts.

13 (4) The house of representatives shall consist of ~~((ninety-eight))~~  
14 ninety-nine members, ~~((two))~~ one of whom shall be elected from ~~((and~~  
15 ~~run at large within))~~ each ~~((legislative))~~ house district. The senate  
16 shall consist of ~~((forty-nine))~~ thirty-three members, one of whom shall  
17 be elected from each ~~((legislative))~~ senate district.

18 (5) The commission shall exercise its powers to provide fair and  
19 effective representation and to encourage electoral competition. The  
20 commission's plan shall not be drawn purposely to favor or discriminate  
21 against any political party or group.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.05.510 and 1975 c 7 s 1 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 Composition of the corps shall consist of youths who are citizens  
25 of the United States and residents of the state of Washington of good  
26 character and health, and who are not more than twenty-one years of  
27 age. In order to enroll, an individual must agree to comply with rules  
28 and regulations promulgated by the commission. The period of  
29 enrollment shall be for thirty, sixty or ninety days or for such  
30 shorter period as determined by the commission. If permitted by the  
31 commission an individual may reenroll. Enrollment shall basically be  
32 allocated on a percentage basis to each ~~((of the forty-nine))~~  
33 legislative district~~((s))~~ on the basis of the ratio that the population  
34 of each district bears to the total population of the state of  
35 Washington, but the commission may also take into account problems of

1 substantial unemployment in certain areas.

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