
HOUSE BILL 1679

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By Representatives Ericks, Hinkle, Conway, Buri, McDonald, Hurst, Haigh and Simpson; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership on the law enforcement officers' and
2 firefighters' retirement system plan 2 board; amending RCW 41.26.715;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 41.26 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.26.715 and 2003 c 2 s 4 are each amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (1) An eleven member board of trustees is hereby created.

8 (a) Three of the board members shall be active law enforcement
9 officers who are participants in the plan. Beginning with the first
10 vacancy on or after January 1, 2007, one board member shall be either
11 an active or a retired law enforcement officer who is a (~~member~~)
12 participant of the plan. The law enforcement officer board members
13 shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by a recognized
14 statewide council whose membership consists exclusively of guilds,
15 associations, and unions representing state and local government police
16 officers, deputies, and sheriffs and excludes federal law enforcement
17 officers.

18 (b) Three of the board members shall be active firefighters who are
19 participants in the plan. Beginning with the first vacancy on or after

1 January 1, 2007, one board member shall be either an active or a
2 retired firefighter who is a ((member)) participant of the plan. The
3 firefighter board member shall be appointed by the governor from a list
4 provided by a recognized statewide council, affiliated with an
5 international association representing the interests of firefighters.

6 (c) Three of the board members shall be representatives of
7 employers and shall be appointed by the governor.

8 (d) One board member shall be a member of the house of
9 representatives who is appointed by the governor based on the
10 recommendation of the speaker of the house of representatives.

11 (e) One board member shall be a member of the senate who is
12 appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the majority
13 leader of the senate.

14 (2) The initial law enforcement officer and firefighter board
15 members shall serve terms of six, four, and two years, respectively.
16 Thereafter, law enforcement officer and firefighter board members serve
17 terms of six years. ((The remaining board members serve terms of four
18 years.)) The initial employer representative board members shall serve
19 terms of four, five, and six years, respectively. Thereafter, employer
20 representative board members serve terms of four years. The initial
21 legislative board members shall serve terms of four years and six
22 months. Thereafter, legislative board members serve terms of two
23 years, which begin on January 1st of odd-numbered years. Board members
24 may be reappointed to succeeding terms without limitation. Board
25 members shall serve until their successors are appointed and seated.

26 (3) In the event of a vacancy on the board, the vacancy shall be
27 filled in the same manner as prescribed for an initial appointment.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 41.26 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 The legislative board members appointed under RCW 41.26.715 must
31 include one member from the two largest political parties. The speaker
32 of the house of representatives shall request a recommendation from the
33 minority leader of the house of representatives if a member from the
34 opposite party must be recommended for appointment. The majority
35 leader of the senate shall request a recommendation from the minority

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2 recommended for appointment.

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