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By House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Miloscia, and Hunt; by request of Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials)

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1 AN ACT Relating to membership on the Washington citizens'
2 commission on salaries for elected officials; and amending RCW
3 43.03.305.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.03.305 and 2008 c 6 s 204 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 There is created a commission to be known as the Washington
8 citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials, to consist of
9 sixteen members appointed by the governor as provided in this section.

10 ~~(1) ((Nine of the sixteen commission members shall be selected by~~
11 ~~lot by the secretary of state from among those registered voters~~
12 ~~eligible to vote at the time persons are selected for appointment to~~
13 ~~full terms on the commission under subsection (3) of this section. One~~
14 ~~member shall be selected from each congressional district))~~ One
15 registered voter from each congressional district shall be selected by
16 the secretary of state to serve on the commission. The secretary shall
17 establish policies and procedures for conducting the selection by lot.
18 The policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to, those
19 for notifying persons selected and for providing a new selection from

1 a congressional district if a person selected from the district
2 declines appointment to the commission or if, following the person's
3 appointment, the person's position on the commission becomes vacant
4 before the end of the person's term of office.

5 (2) (~~The remaining seven of the sixteen~~) Seven commission
6 members, all residents of this state, shall be selected jointly by the
7 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
8 senate. The persons selected under this subsection shall have had
9 experience in the field of personnel management. Of these seven
10 members, one shall be selected from each of the following five sectors
11 in this state: Private institutions of higher education; business;
12 professional personnel management; legal profession; and organized
13 labor. Of the two remaining members, one shall be a person recommended
14 to the speaker and the president by the chair of the Washington
15 personnel resources board and one shall be a person recommended by
16 majority vote of the presidents of the state's four-year institutions
17 of higher education.

18 (3) (~~The secretary of state shall forward the names of persons
19 selected under subsection (1) of this section and the speaker of the
20 house of representatives and president of the senate shall forward the
21 names of persons selected under subsection (2) of this section to the
22 governor who shall appoint these persons to the commission. Except as
23 provided in subsection (6) of this section, the names of persons
24 selected for appointment to the commission shall be forwarded to the
25 governor not later than February 15, 1987, and not later than the
26 fifteenth day of February every four years through 1999. The terms of
27 the members selected in 1999 shall terminate July 1, 2002, and the
28 names of persons selected for appointment to the commission shall be
29 forwarded to the governor not later than July 1, 2002. Of the sixteen
30 names forwarded to the governor in 2002, the governor shall by lot
31 select four of the persons selected under subsection (1) of this
32 section and four of the persons selected under subsection (2) of this
33 section to serve two-year terms, with the rest of the members serving
34 four-year terms. Thereafter,~~) Except as provided in subsection (6) of
35 this section, all members shall serve four-year terms and the names of
36 ((eight)) persons selected for appointment to the commission shall be
37 forwarded to the governor not later than the first day of July every
38 two years.

1 (4) No person may be appointed to more than two terms. No member
2 of the commission may be removed by the governor during his or her term
3 of office unless for cause of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of
4 duty, or malfeasance in office or for a disqualifying change of
5 residence.

6 The unexcused absence of any person who is a member of the
7 commission from two consecutive meetings of the commission shall
8 constitute the relinquishment of that person's membership on the
9 commission. Such a relinquishment creates a vacancy in that person's
10 position on the commission. A member's absence may be excused by the
11 chair of the commission upon the member's written request if the chair
12 believes there is just cause for the absence. Such a request must be
13 received by the chair before the meeting for which the absence is to be
14 excused. A member's absence from a meeting of the commission may also
15 be excused during the meeting for which the member is absent by the
16 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the commission present
17 at the meeting.

18 (5) No state official, public employee, or lobbyist, or immediate
19 family member of the official, employee, or lobbyist, subject to the
20 registration requirements of chapter 42.17 RCW is eligible for
21 membership on the commission.

22 As used in this subsection the phrase "immediate family" means the
23 parents, spouse or domestic partner, siblings, children, or dependent
24 relative of the official(~~(, employee,)~~) or lobbyist whether or not
25 living in the household of the official(~~(, employee,)~~) or lobbyist; and
26 the parents, spouse or domestic partner, siblings, children, or
27 dependent relative of the employee living in the household of the
28 employee.

29 (6)(a) Upon a vacancy in any position on the commission, a
30 successor shall be selected and appointed to fill the unexpired term.
31 The selection and appointment shall be concluded within thirty days of
32 the date the position becomes vacant and shall be conducted in the same
33 manner as originally provided.

34 (b) Initial members appointed from congressional districts created
35 after the effective date of this section shall be selected and
36 appointed in the manner provided in subsection (1) of this section.
37 The selection and appointment shall be concluded within thirty days of
38 the date the position becomes vacant. The term of the initial member

1 appointed under this subsection shall terminate July 1st of an even-
2 numbered year so that at no point may the terms of more than one-half
3 plus one of the members selected under subsection (1) of this section
4 terminate in the same year.

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