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SENATE BILL 5064

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By Senator Nelson; 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  
10 section.

11 (1) ((Nine of the sixteen commission members shall be selected by  
12 lot by the secretary of state from among those registered voters  
13 eligible to vote at the time persons are selected for appointment to  
14 full terms on the commission under subsection (3) of this section. One  
15 member shall be selected from each congressional district)) One  
16 registered voter from each congressional district shall be selected by  
17 the secretary of state from among those registered voters eligible to  
18 vote at the time persons are selected for appointment to serve on the  
19 commission. The secretary shall establish policies and procedures for

1 conducting the selection by lot. The policies and procedures shall  
2 include, but not be limited to, those for notifying persons selected  
3 and for providing a new selection from a congressional district if a  
4 person selected from the district declines appointment to the  
5 commission or if, following the person's appointment, the person's  
6 position on the commission becomes vacant before the end of the  
7 person's term of office.

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

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

1 ((eight)) the persons selected for appointment to the commission shall  
2 be forwarded to the governor not later than the first day of July every  
3 two years.

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

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

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

25 As used in this subsection the phrase "immediate family" means the  
26 parents, spouse or domestic partner, siblings, children, or dependent  
27 relative of the official(~~(, employee,)~~) or lobbyist whether or not  
28 (~~(living in the household)~~) they live in the home of the official(~~(,~~  
29 ~~employee,~~) and the parents, spouse or domestic partner,  
30 siblings, children, or dependent relative of the employee who live in  
31 the employee's home.

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

37 (b) Initial members appointed from congressional districts created  
38 after the effective date of this section shall be selected and

1 appointed in the manner provided in subsection (1) of this section.  
2 The selection and appointment shall be concluded within ninety days of  
3 the date the district is created. The term of an initial member  
4 appointed under this subsection shall terminate July 1st of an even-  
5 numbered year so that at no point may the terms of more than one-half  
6 plus one of the members selected under subsection (1) of this section  
7 terminate in the same year.

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