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By Senators Hewitt and Brown

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1 AN ACT Relating to the redistricting commission; and amending RCW  
2 44.05.100 and 44.05.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.05.100 and 2002 c 4 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 (1) Upon approval of a redistricting plan by three of the voting  
7 members of the commission, but not later than (~~January 1st~~) November  
8 15th of the year ending in (~~two~~) one, the commission shall submit the  
9 plan to the legislature.

10 (2) After submission of the plan by the commission, the legislature  
11 shall have the next thirty days during any regular or special session  
12 to amend the commission's plan. If the legislature amends the  
13 commission's plan the legislature's amendment must be approved by an  
14 affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or  
15 appointed thereto, and may not include more than two percent of the  
16 population of any legislative or congressional district.

17 (3) The plan approved by the commission, with any amendment  
18 approved by the legislature, shall be final upon approval of such  
19 amendment or after expiration of the time provided for legislative

1 amendment by subsection (2) of this section whichever occurs first, and  
2 shall constitute the districting law applicable to this state for  
3 legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the next  
4 elections held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in force  
5 until the effective date of the plan based upon the next succeeding  
6 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
7 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

8 (4) If three of the voting members of the commission fail to  
9 approve and submit a plan within the time limitations provided in  
10 subsection (1) of this section, the supreme court shall adopt a plan by  
11 March 1st of the year ending in two. Any such plan approved by the  
12 court is final and constitutes the districting law applicable to this  
13 state for legislative and congressional elections, beginning with the  
14 next election held in the year ending in two. This plan shall be in  
15 force until the effective date of the plan based on the next succeeding  
16 federal decennial census or until a modified plan takes effect as  
17 provided in RCW 44.05.120(6).

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 44.05.110 and 2011 c 60 s 43 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 (1) Following the period provided by RCW 44.05.100(1) for the  
21 commission's adoption of a plan, the commission shall take all  
22 necessary steps to conclude its business and cease operations. The  
23 commission shall prepare a financial statement disclosing all  
24 expenditures made by the commission. The official record shall contain  
25 all relevant information developed by the commission pursuant to  
26 carrying out its duties under this chapter, maps, data collected,  
27 minutes of meetings, written communications, and other information of  
28 a similar nature. Once the commission ceases to exist, the chief  
29 election officer shall be the custodian of the official record for  
30 purposes of reprecincting and election administration. The chief  
31 election officer shall provide for the permanent preservation of this  
32 official record pursuant to chapter 42.56 RCW and Title 40 RCW. Once  
33 the commission ceases to exist any budget surplus shall revert to the  
34 state general fund.

35 (2) Except as provided in RCW 44.05.120 for a reconvened  
36 commission, the commission shall cease to exist on (~~July~~) May 1st of

1 each year ending in two unless the supreme court extends the  
2 commission's term.

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