
HOUSE BILL 1189

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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring a balanced representation of interests
2 on the fish and wildlife commission; amending RCW 77.04.030 and
3 77.04.040; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.030 and 2001 c 155 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The fish and wildlife commission consists of nine registered
8 voters of the state. In January of each odd-numbered year, the
9 governor shall appoint consistent with this section and RCW 77.04.040,
10 and with the advice and consent of the senate, three registered voters
11 to the commission to serve for terms of six years from that January or
12 until their successors are appointed and qualified. If a vacancy
13 occurs on the commission prior to the expiration of a term, the
14 governor shall appoint a registered voter within sixty days to complete
15 the term.

16 (2) Three members (~~shall~~) of the commission must be residents of
17 that portion of the state lying east of the summit of the Cascade
18 mountains, and three shall be residents of that portion of the state

1 lying west of the summit of the Cascade mountains. Three additional
2 members shall be appointed at-large. No two members may be residents
3 of the same county.

4 (3) The legal office of the commission is at the administrative
5 office of the department in Olympia.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.04.040 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 2 s 3 are each amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Persons eligible for appointment as members of the commission
9 (~~shall~~) must have general knowledge of the habits and distribution of
10 fish and wildlife and (~~shall~~) may not hold another state, county, or
11 municipal elective or appointive office.

12 (2) In making these appointments, the governor shall (~~seek to~~)
13 maintain a balance reflecting all aspects of fish and wildlife(~~(7)~~)
14 management by including on the commission, at a minimum, representation
15 (~~recommended by~~) reflecting the interests of organized groups
16 representing each of the following: Sportfishers, commercial fishers,
17 hunters, private landowners, and environmentalists.

18 (3) Persons eligible for appointment as fish and wildlife
19 commissioners shall comply with the provisions of chapters 42.52 and
20 (~~42.17~~) 42.56 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Section 2 of this act must be
22 implemented as vacancies occur on the fish and wildlife commission.
23 Nothing in this act requires the dismissal of any individual from the
24 fish and wildlife commission before the end of his or her term.

25 (2) This section expires August 31, 2018.

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