
SENATE BILL 5133

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By Senator Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring growth management hearings board
2 members meet qualifications relating to land use experience; and
3 amending RCW 36.70A.250.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.70A.250 and 2010 c 211 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A growth management hearings board for the state of Washington
8 is created. The board shall consist of seven members qualified by
9 experience or training in matters pertaining to land use law or land
10 use planning and who have experience in the practical application of
11 those matters. All seven board members shall be appointed by the
12 governor, two each residing respectively in the central Puget Sound,
13 eastern Washington, and western Washington regions, plus one board
14 member residing within the state of Washington. At least three members
15 of the board shall be admitted to practice law in this state and be
16 engaged in the legal profession with a focus on land use at the time of
17 his or her appointment, one each residing respectively in the central
18 Puget Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington regions. At
19 least three members of the board shall have been a city or county

1 elected official, one each residing respectively in the central Puget
2 Sound, eastern Washington, and western Washington regions. After
3 expiration of the terms of board members on the previously existing
4 three growth management hearings boards, no more than four members of
5 the seven-member board may be members of the same major political
6 party. No more than two members at the time of their appointment or
7 during their term may reside in the same county.

8 (2) Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of six
9 years. A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor for
10 the unexpired portion of the term in which the vacancy occurs. Members
11 of the previously existing three growth management hearings boards
12 appointed before July 1, 2010, shall complete their staggered, six-year
13 terms as members of the growth management hearings board created under
14 subsection (1) of this section. The reduction from nine board members
15 on the previously existing three growth management hearings boards to
16 seven total members on the growth management hearings board shall be
17 made through attrition, voluntary resignation, or retirement.

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