
SENATE BILL 5495

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state building code council; and amending
2 RCW 19.27.070.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.27.070 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 244 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 There is hereby established a state building code council, to be
7 appointed by the governor.

8 (1) The state building code council shall consist of (~~fifteen~~)
9 seventeen members:

10 (a) Two members must be county elected legislative body members or
11 elected executives;

12 (b) Two members must be city elected legislative body members or
13 mayors;

14 (c) One member must be a local government building code enforcement
15 official;

16 (d) One member must be a local government fire service official;

17 (e) One member shall represent general construction, specializing
18 in commercial and industrial building construction;

1 (f) One member shall represent general construction, specializing
2 in residential and multifamily building construction;

3 (g) One member shall represent the architectural design profession;

4 (h) One member shall represent the structural engineering
5 profession;

6 (i) One member shall represent the mechanical engineering
7 profession;

8 (j) One member shall represent the construction building trades;

9 (k) One member shall represent manufacturers, installers, or
10 suppliers of building materials and components;

11 (l) One member must be a person with a physical disability and
12 shall represent the disability community; (~~and~~)

13 (m) One member shall represent the general public;

14 (n) One member shall represent existing small rental property
15 owners and managers that are regulated by the international residential
16 code; and

17 (o) One member shall represent the existing large rental property
18 owners and managers that are regulated by the international building
19 code and the international fire code.

20 (2) At least (~~six~~) seven of these (~~fifteen~~) seventeen members
21 shall reside east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

22 (3) The council shall include: Two members of the house of
23 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, one from each
24 caucus; two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
25 senate, one from each caucus; and an employee of the electrical
26 division of the department of labor and industries, as ex officio,
27 nonvoting members with all other privileges and rights of membership.

28 (4)(a) Terms of office shall be for three years, or for so long as
29 the member remains qualified for the appointment.

30 (b) The council shall elect a member to serve as chair of the
31 council for one-year terms of office.

32 (c) Any member who is appointed by virtue of being an elected
33 official or holding public employment shall be removed from the council
34 if he or she ceases being such an elected official or holding such
35 public employment.

36 (d) Any member who is appointed to represent a specific private
37 sector industry must maintain sufficiently similar employment or
38 circumstances throughout the term of office to remain qualified to

1 represent the specified industry. Retirement or unemployment is not
2 cause for termination. However, if a councilmember enters into
3 employment outside of the industry he or she has been appointed to
4 represent, then he or she shall be removed from the council.

5 (e) Any member who no longer qualifies for appointment under this
6 section may not vote on council actions, but may participate as an ex
7 officio, nonvoting member until a replacement member is appointed. A
8 member must notify the council staff and the governor's office within
9 thirty days of the date the member no longer qualifies for appointment
10 under this section. The governor shall appoint a qualified replacement
11 for the member within sixty days of notice.

12 (5) Before making any appointments to the building code council,
13 the governor shall seek nominations from recognized organizations which
14 represent the entities or interests identified in this section.

15 (6) Members shall not be compensated but shall receive
16 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and
17 43.03.060.

18 (7) The department of enterprise services shall provide
19 administrative and clerical assistance to the building code council.

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