
SENATE BILL 5795

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By Senators Hewitt and Murray

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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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